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Third Annual Thin Blue Line Recognition Awards May 2, 1995



Officer Raymond Mendoza (left) and Officer Gerald Ballesteros (right), Newton Patrol, are honored with Commendable Copper Caper of the Year Award. Dirck Morgan (center) offers the Committee's congratulations.

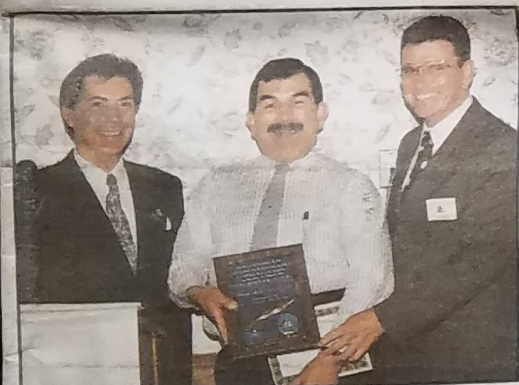


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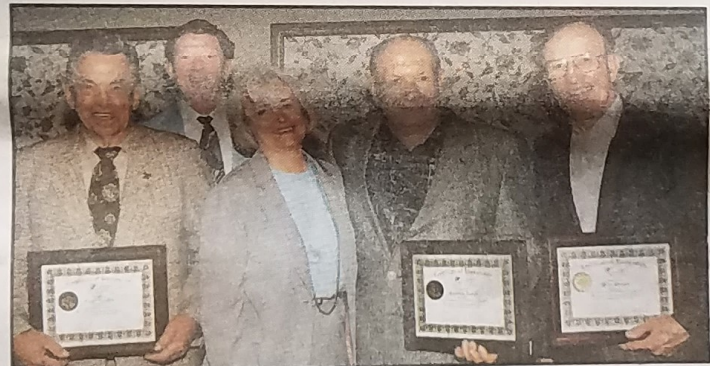
Divisional Reporters of the past year are acknowledged by Dirck Morgan and Rik Violano. From left: Mr. Morgan, Lenny Muñoz for Metro Division, Mike Menza for Internal Affairs, Gail Ryan for Newton Division, Roy Langheld for South Traffic Division, Marie Tafuya for Central Division, Ted Hunt for Training Division, Jace Kessler for Rampart Division, Rik Violano. Not pictured, David Rosenberg for Southwest Division.



Gail Coutts (Detective Retired) receives Story of the Year Award from host Dirck Morgan (left) and Rik Violano, Blue Line Committee Chairman.



Officer and League Director Lenny Muñoz accepts award for Divisional Reporter of the 1994 Year for his Metropolitan Division reporting.



Retired Association Reporters: from left, Loyd Yandle, Inland Blue Line Association, Bernie Remas, Sacramento Area Blue Line Association, Helen Robles McVay, Blue Line Staff, Charlie Reese, Former LAPD Associates, and Mike Dwyer, Former LAPD Associates. Not pictured, Roy Kerton, Sacramento Area Blue Line Association.



Art Ferugia, Photographer II of SID Photo Lab, receives award for his Photo of the Year from Dirck Morgan and Rik Violano.

by Rik Violano

The Third Annual Thin Blue Line Recognition Awards ceremony was held during the May Delegates meeting. The ceremony is to honor those people who have regularly and unselfishly contributed their time and talent to make this law enforcement periodical the success that it is.

In taking over the Blue Line Editorship this year, I began to realize more than ever what a challenging task it is to put the Blue Line together each month. I want to assure everybody that it is impossible for me as Editor to do that alone. As I explained in my April Blue Line column, a great many people are responsible for the actual publication. Some of the heroes/heroines of the group are the people who regularly write the Blue Line articles. They are the ones who contribute the majority of the articles that make the Blue Line a publication that is eagerly looked forward to by our readers.

The awards recipients are selected by the Blue Line Review Committee after a review of all 12 issues of the 1994 Blue Line newspapers. The Committee is comprised of Delegates Barbara Carranza, Rudy Aranda, Manny Belmonte, George Brietigam, Russ Kilby, Bill Mares, Gregory McKnight, David Nuñez, Mike Partain, Frank Schweitzer, and Paul Scire. Additionally, League Staff Assistant Helen Robles McVay, Publisher Mark Deitch, Directors Lenny Muñoz, Ted Hunt, along with yours truly, serve on that Committee.



Ellen and Dirck Morgan receive thanks from Blue Line Editor and Committee Chairman, Director Rik Violano.

The people who do the "nuts and bolts" assembling of the Blue Line are also recognized for their participation. They are: Thin Blue Line Publisher, Mark Deitch, and his sales and design staff: Rose Ariza, Lisa Clark, Harry Clouse, and Sara Patterson. And, of course, the other important ingredient in the publication of the Blue Line is League staffer Helen Robles McVay, who also serves as the Assistant to the Editor (and I need all the help I can get).

This year, we were particularly honored to have Dirck Morgan, a broadcast journalist for KFWB News 98, as the guest presenter. Dirck has been heard on KFWB News Radio for the past six years, and is a field reporter with that station. For three

years, Morgan was also assigned to airborne reporting from Jet Copter 98 In The Sky. He has done many exclusive investigative series. Dirck has received numerous awards from national and international news organizations. This past January, he received five "Golden Mike" awards from the Radio Television News Association, which brings the total of "Golden Mikes" to 13. Dirck described his last article as his most rewarding, as he put it, "It was for special investigative reporting of flaws in the purchase of the ballistic riot helmets for officers of the LAPD." Dirck was an aggressive advocate in ensuring that the City purchased the right ballistic helmets for the membership. Morgan has also been recognized for a special report which unmasked the involvement of the Revolutionary Communist Party in the Los Angeles riots, and for tracking development of ethnic gangs in Southern California. Dirck is also an honorary lifetime member of the League. He was installed last year as a

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

CLIFF RUFF



Watch Out. Pay Attention. The Chief Is At It Again.

On Tuesday, April 25, 1995, the Chief of Police notified the Police Commission that he has ordered a change in the process in which Officer Involved Shooting investigations are conducted. District Attorney Gil Garcetti commented in the *Daily News* that he welcomed the change. Now, do you suppose Garcetti and Williams shared their opinions and insights before this change was implemented? I think so. I believe the whole purpose of this change is to create an environment in which it will be easier for the District Attorney to prosecute a police officer they feel may have unlawfully used deadly force.

As a police officer, you have been trained and authorized to use deadly force where permitted by law. In reality, the use of deadly force is much further restricted by Department policy. Should you ever discharge your weapon and strike someone, you will be scrutinized and second-guessed by police administrators, left-leaning attorneys, and liberal judges. You could easily be prosecuted and jailed or go through the ordeal just experienced by Doug Iversen who was twice tried for murder.

In the past when an officer shot another person, the Officer Involved Shooting Section of Robbery Homicide Division conducted a thorough and complete administrative investigation. If foul play on the part of the involved officer was suspected, the criminal investigation would be turned over to IAD. The focus of the OIS investigation was administrative to establish facts relative to the incident and compliance with the law and administrative guidelines.

Under Chief Williams' wisdom, he is dissolving the OIS section and transferring that responsibility to the three homicide special teams that will now be charged with the task of investigating officer involved shootings. This is where the League's concerns are. The new officer involved shooting investigations will be conducted by the Department's best homicide investigators. These Detectives' forte and expertise is in conducting criminal investigations for the purpose of obtaining criminal prosecutions. Their intent is not to burn police officers, but their skills are in criminal investigations, not administrative fact-finding.

Who benefits from this change? Only Gil Garcetti, in that it may make it easier for him to initiate a criminal prosecution of a police offi-

cer. This is strictly for the purpose of enhancing his political career. Thanks a lot, Chief Williams, for supporting and backing up your officers. Williams alleges that his changes are made only to expedite the completion of the Use of Force review process. This is a facade because the final OIS report cannot be completed until the investigators receive the Coroner's protocol report, which now takes between four and five months to obtain. After all, it is essential to know the results of the toxicology tests. Some people think it's important to know if a suspect ingested or was under the influence of PCP, cocaine, or alcohol.

Who is the Chief kidding? Is he really concerned about your well-being?

Because the League is concerned about your well-being and we are gravely concerned about the intent of these changes, the Board of Directors has authorized attorneys to respond to all officer involved shooting incidents where a person is wounded. Our intent is basic and simple. We want to make sure that your constitutional rights are protected and that you don't make impromptu statements without legal guidance. Do not make any statements to investigators until you confer with a League attorney. There is a fine line between mistakes and negligence. Negligence can land you in jail. Protect yourself, and invoke your constitutional rights. You will eventually give a full and complete statement, but only after you have consulted an attorney and have been given a Miranda and Lybarger admonishment.

Never forget the mentality of LAPD management at the Rodney King incident. Every bystander officer (including the helicopter observer) was charged with misconduct and sent to Boards of Rights. They will throw you to the wolves if it can make them look good. That's not rhetoric, they've done it. So, you must protect yourself and use the League to help you. Our mission is not to impede or obstruct the Department's investigation, but only to invoke your rights and protect you from those who have questionable agendas.

If you or another officer becomes involved in a shooting with a hit, make sure that someone notifies the Protective League. We will make sure that an attorney, a Director, and a Defense Rep responds and assists you in protecting your rights through the investigative and follow-up process. This is what you pay dues for. Let us help you.

Be careful out there. Do an outstanding job. If you have to use lethal force, protect yourself and call us. *

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Scholarship Essay

The scholarship contest for the children and dependents of our members was held on Saturday, April 22, 1995. Our League awards nearly \$10,000 in scholarships. The rules are very strict, so those of you who have children in the 11th grade, please call Lisa at the League offices and prepare for next year.

The essay question was: What was the most significant 25-year period of American history? Who was the most important leader of that period and why was that leader important? The Scholarship Awards Ceremony will be held at the July Delegates meeting.

No LAPD Representative on POST

POST is important because they set the statewide minimums for standards and training. They also provide funding for training. For years, we have lost out on millions of dollars in funding. We should get our fair share of the pie and we should have a voice in POST's decisions on policies.

LAPD constitutes about 10 percent of the State's police population. Our League is the largest police union in the State. Neither our League nor the Department has a representative on the POST Commission or the POST Advisory Board. I have met with the top law enforcement aide to the Governor and stressed those facts. Usually when someone tells you that "I will look into it," they are just shining you on. I believe this man is sincere and we will see some action out of the Capitol.

Legislative Review - AB 1478

This bill would reclassify the Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) Police from 830.33 of the Pe-

nal Code status to 830.1 of the Penal Code. On the surface, that seems pretty harmless. MTA police say that all they want are things like death benefits, IOD benefits and other labor issues. We have NO problem with those issues. We want them to have labor benefits and we support MTA Police 100 percent on labor issues.

The MTA rank-and-file officers want one thing, but their managers want something else. It is more than just labor issues. It is territory and they want to take over yours. Many of the most vociferous MTA managers are retired LAPD managers who are double dipping. Those managers already have theirs and now they want more, they want yours. They plan to expand their empire on the backs of our younger officers. I am not going to let that happen.

If this law is passed, the MTA would not be confined to transit corridors and transit issues. They would be legally entitled to operate as an independent police agency within the various communities of Los Angeles. The duplicitous authority would certainly lead to confusion over primary authority, over control of responsibilities, reporting obligations and territorial accountability.

For example, our detectives may not even know about a crime or series of crimes because MTA detectives are handling them. Another example, who is in charge of a homicide scene at 7th Street and Broadway, where the victim was apparently about to board an MTA bus? Who is in charge of a hostage situation at First and Hill Streets, at the entrance to the MTA Red Line subway? Who is in charge of a found possible explosive device just outside the MTA bus yard in Van Nuys?

This law would provide MTA police the same legal authority as we have to take charge of one of the above crime scenes. Yet they would not have the legal responsibility. We would.

The MTA Police "mission" (purpose) is to protect the passengers, employees, and property of the MTA. What does having a SWAT Team, a Bomb Squad, a HAZ MAT Team, and a Vice Unit have to do with their mission and purpose? There is no compelling rationale for this change.

In the MTA Police's own summary, they state that "It is unlikely that the MTA Transit Police force would utilize all of the authority noted above in the course of its work." They continue on to say that this change in law and in the status of the MTA police is principally "philosophical." So one of our officers risks getting injured or taking days off for a "philosophical" change?

The jurisdictional boundaries between the police, the sheriff, and the CHP are clearly delineated. But even though the boundaries are clearly defined, jurisdictional overlap has led to some of the most serious problems in LAPD history. Who brought us Rodney King?

Remember, if this passes the MTA police's primary patrol areas will not be clearly defined and **DO INCLUDE AND OVERLAP THE STREETS OF THE CITY OF AND THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.**

Those who are opposed to this legislation are: Los Angeles Police Protective League, Association for Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs, Professional Peace Officer's Association, Long Beach Police Officers Association, Los Angeles Police De-

partment, Willie Williams, Mayor Richard Riordan, Los Angeles City Council, Los Angeles County Sheriffs Department, Metropolitan Transit Authority Board of Directors.

Finally, this also has a direct economic impact for you. LAPD bid for the Red Line policing contract and lost. We lost 75 positions, not bodies, but positions. For those of you on the Sergeant's list or Lieutenant's list, those were your promotions. The Sheriff lost the Blue Line contract, but deputies had a greater loss in numbers. Perhaps the best thing to do is just to take over the MTA Police and solve those serious problems.

Leadership Training

This summer we will be sponsoring leadership workshops for League members. The Department is clearly headed toward community-based policing which will require leadership skills from the rank and file. This training will help you develop the leadership skills you will need for the future. It will also help our League Delegates, and those who want to be Delegates, to develop leadership skills for use as the League manager for your Division.

We hope that we will be able to make this a duty day and get it POST certified. At any rate, this training will be presented by a professional educator who usually gets over \$1,000 per day plus expenses, but has volunteered his time for the workshop. If you want to attend, please send me a note with your name, serial number, day phone, pager number, and Division of assignment.

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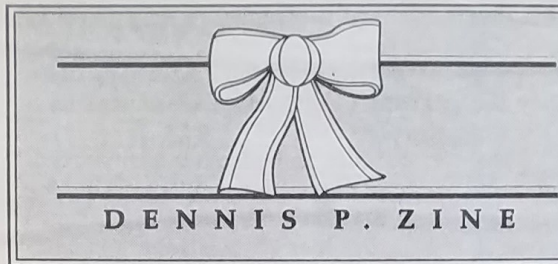
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City Hall Happenings

Last month, I reported the preliminary election results for those City Council members running for re-election. It was noted that all current Councilmembers except one gained sufficient votes to avoid a run-off. I have since obtained the official margins of victory and find the numbers very interesting and a reflection of the diverse attitudes of the Los Angeles voting population.

District 2 - Councilman Joel Wachs won by 76% with over 12,000 votes.

District 4 - Council President John Ferraro won by 72% with over 11,000 votes.

District 6 - Councilwoman Ruth Gallanter won by 73% with over 15,000 votes.

District 8 - Councilman Mark Ridley-Thomas won by the greatest margin with 89% and over 14,000 votes.

District 12 - Councilman Hal Bernson received 73% with over 14,000 votes.

District 14 - Councilman Richard Alatorre won by 59% with over 6,500 votes.

In the 5th District, the seat vacated by Zev Yaroslavsky, now a member of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, Candidate Mike Feuer received 40% of the vote with 11,872 votes; while Mrs. Zev Yaroslavsky with all the name identification and thousands of campaign dollars, came in a distant second with only 27% of the vote. I have heard the statement from many political insiders that Mrs. Zev Yaroslavsky is not the same person as Mr. Zev, the thorn in the side of LAPD for 20 years. Well, I guess that a good number of 5th District voters have had enough of the Yaroslavsky imperious imperialism. A run-off will occur between Feuer and Yaroslavsky on June 6th. Our money and endorsement is on Mike Feuer.

In the 10th District, we have put a great deal of resources behind City Councilman Nate Holden. Nate did not win outright in the primary and only missed the mark by a few percentage points. Our phone banks, precinct walks, and financial contributions will hopefully assist Nate win his election. Nate has always been a strong sup-

porter and friend of the men and women of the LAPD. We need Nate now more than ever! If you can assist Councilman Nate Holden with his campaign, I encourage you to volunteer by contacting the League office or Nate's campaign office which is located at 3660 Crenshaw. The telephone number is 213/295-9568. Remember that your next contract, salary increase and benefit package will all be voted on by each of the Councilmembers who have been re-elected for the next four years. We need all the friends we can get at Los Angeles City Hall. They hold your promotions, Department expansion, pension changes, and all economic issues in their hands. We all need their votes and support.

Is It Expensive To Live In Los Angeles?

You bet it is! The official report from the Association of Chamber of Commerce Executive, ACCRA, has reported that Los Angeles was the fifth most expensive urban area to live in 1994. The report includes food, housing, transportation, and other essentials. Los Angeles is 23.9% above the national average. New York was number one with a whopping 128.3%, Boston was 37.7%, Washington, D.C. was 32.4% and Philadelphia was 27.8% above the national average. This information is critical when comparing salary and benefit packages within the law enforcement community. I can assure you that we will be using these figures when we negotiate your next salary compensation package.

Three thousand additional police officers are important for the Mayor's Public Safety Program. However, the salary, pension and benefit package are critical for all current members of the Los Angeles Police Department who are fleeing from the LAPD for greener pastures and more friendly and appreciative cities.

Need Extra Money?

Since we can all use additional dollars to survive in Los Angeles, I have discovered an off-duty job which can assist you in helping pay the bills and feed your family. The Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum and Sports Arena is seeking active

LAPD officers to work sporting events, car shows and concerts. The uniform assignments pay LAPD scale. For information, please call 213/765-6700.

171 Million Dollar Bond Measure, Prop One

City Councilman Richard Alarcon of the San Fernando Valley's 7th District is the champion of the New Facilities Bond Measure, Prop One. This bond measure mandates that 171 million dollars be spent on specific facilities and not just a pot of gold to be used for pet projects like we have often seen in the past. The project is very beneficial for our current and future officers and is

cerned about the notation of the Blue Flu activity in their rating reports. Since the management of Newton Street Division strictly followed the directions of Chief Williams in documenting Blue Flu activity, while other Divisions did not, this placed Newton Street in the lead in Blue Flu grievances and gave the impression that Newton Street Division was not a good place to work. Well, I am happy to report that the personnel at Newton Street Division are as happy as can be expected considering all the negative activities the entire Department is experiencing. The personnel at Newton Street Division and all personnel

The Specific Improvements are as Follows:

1. Mid-Wilshire Area Police Station (New) \$35.0 million
 2. North Central San Fernando Valley Station (New) 35.0 million
 3. Hollenbeck Area replacement station 35.0 million
 4. Rampart Area replacement station 35.0 million
 5. Valley Police Headquarters Parking Structure 7.0 million
 6. Expand West Valley Police Station 3.0 million
 7. Expand Harbor Police Station 3.0 million
 8. Northeast Police Station Parking Structure 3.0 million
 9. West Los Angeles Parking Structure 3.0 million
 10. Child Care Facility for South, Central, West, Valley Bureaus 4.0 million
 11. In-Service Training Facility/Refurbish Existing Building Police Academy 6.0 million
 12. Various LAPD Sub-Station Improvements 2.0 million
- TOTAL \$171.0 Million**

necessary if we expect to have facilities for our expanding Department. Our current stations with cramped quarters, lockers in hallways, offices in janitorial closets, and inadequate parking lots for our private vehicles can't handle our present needs, yet alone any additional personnel. I encourage a "Yes" vote on Prop One and urge you to tell your friends who vote in the City to support Prop One. The cost to the taxpayer is minimal. The benefits are great.

Newton Division Is Not Such A Bad Place To Work

My March article on the 1994 grievance tally left some Newton Street Division personnel concerned about the negative image the story portrayed. I was contacted by Newton Area Captain Jim Tatreau who invited me to meet with his officers and detectives to discuss any problems the personnel may be experiencing with supervision and management. I visited Newton Division and I was very pleased to find that the vast majority of Newton Street Division personnel are pleased with the leadership at the Division and were mainly con-

who have the Blue Flu comment on a rating report will be much happier when the entry is removed from their Personnel Evaluation Report.

While on the subject of the Blue Flu grievance, your League is continuing to appeal the matter.

Baker To Vegas Run

Congratulations to the LAPD Women's team for their first place victory in the 11th Annual 1995 Challenge Cup Relay Race. I had the pleasure of attending the event for the first time. I encourage all to attend the 12th Annual Run next year. While the event is fun for the runners, the support team members and spectators all had a great time. I hope you enjoy my Baker to Vegas centerfold photo spread on Pages 28 & 29. If you find your picture featured and wish a copy, please let me know. I will be happy to send it to you. Congratulations is extended to all members who participated in the race. To win is great. To participate is fun.

Don't Forget

Father's Day is June 18th. Don't forget good ol' Dad!

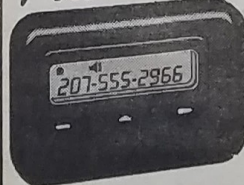
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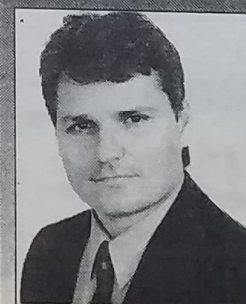
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Who Wants to be a Cop?

The City of Los Angeles is alarmed that numerous officers are leaving their employment because of salary, benefits, morale, equipment, etc. This is not surprising considering the state of affairs on our Department today. However, what completely blows me away is why anyone would want to be a cop at all, never mind a Los Angeles cop.

Look at any newspaper on just about any day and you will see a case that adversely affects your ability to do your job or threatens your personal freedom or finances. Just today, I came across an article which reported that four Riverside Police officers had to each pay \$26,183 in punitive damages to a burglary suspect who they shot while fleeing. It didn't seem to matter that the crime was a hot prowling residential burglary in which the residents were tied up, one victim was shot in the head, blinding him, and four guns were taken. The jury seemed to think that because it turned out that the fleeing suspect was not armed at the time (even though the officers testified that they believed him to be armed and proved a danger to neighbors) that the officers had shot without cause. As plaintiff's attorney, Steve Yagman, said, "In America, nobody ever shoots someone in the back."

Apparently, the jury bought into this rhetoric and made an incredibly insane judgment that will have devastating impact on the City of Riverside and its police officers.

Our Department had led the way in taking the brunt of illogical and damaging jury verdicts. Take, for example, the case where a kidnapping for ransom occurred. Our officers set up on the ransom drop site and waited. When one of the kidnappers picked up the money and tried to flee, an officer chased him down and hit him with the police car to stop him. The kidnapper received a broken leg. Of course, a lawsuit was filed against our Department and the involved officers. It didn't seem to matter that this kidnapper pleaded guilty to kidnapping and was sentenced to a long prison term. The kidnapper won a large judgment against the City and punitive damages against the officer.

What a shame! A kidnapper gets a broken leg trying to get away with the ransom. Obviously, the jury didn't put themselves in the place of the family of the kidnap victims and consider their pain. Do you think the family would have wanted the kidnapper apprehended at any cost? Of course they did. Where are these juries coming from?

Because of cases like this, it is hard to understand how any of you

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work as hard as you do to get the job done. It's hard to believe that anyone wants to be a cop in today's world. But you do a tremendous job under extremely difficult circumstances. The public and the elected officials should not only admire you, but show their appreciation by compensating you appropriately and by protecting you both civilly and criminally for your good faith actions. Thanks for your dedication and hard work!

Life Insurance

The League's life insurance through Cigna Insurance was just

renegotiated based upon the increased subsidy to be provided by the City (as negotiated in the last MOU). We were able to obtain a 20% increase in benefits for both active and retired members of the plan. See above for the new schedule of benefits.

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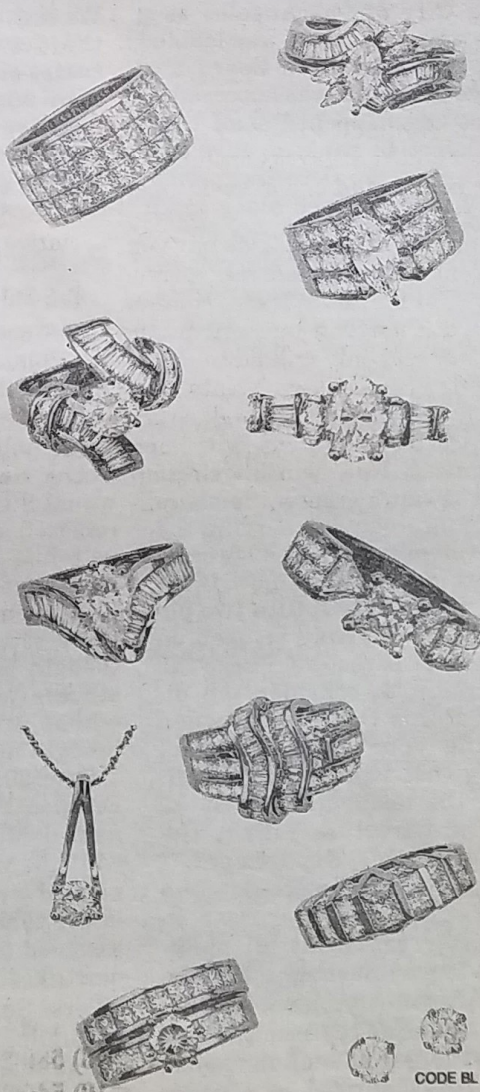
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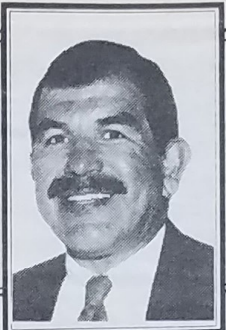
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Busy. Busy. Busy.

Here I am in the same pickle again. The pace is maddening here at the League office, and I once again find myself facing the publishing deadline for the next issue of the *Thin Blue Line*. As everyone knows, the Board is operating one Director short, and try as we might, we just can't seem to catch up on our chores. I realize that some of your requests for assistance or information are falling through the cracks, and I apologize for that. We on the Board of Directors, as well as our staff, are pledged to help you, the membership. Please bear with us, and if you have been forgotten, by all means, call again.

Vacancies on the Board of Directors

And while on the subject of being shorthanded due to the long-term IOD status of fellow Director Dave Zeigler, I would like to take this opportunity to inform the membership of another vacancy about to occur on the Board of Directors.

Last year I took the Detective promotional exam and, although I didn't do as well as I hoped for, I gained an oral interview. When the list came out, I found myself mired at about the 230 level. I was disappointed, and the heavy rumor at the time was that the Detective list was about to be discontinued. I thought at the time my ranking was well beyond the borderline level, and I was comfortable with the realization that I would do the remaining five years of my 30-year commitment to the City of Los Angeles as a police officer. Later, I was lobbied to run for a seat on the Board, and with your help, I was successful.

A lot has happened since then. The Detective rank is alive and well. In fact, the Detective promotional list has moved along much more quickly than anyone anticipated. To make a long story short, Band 13 is presently being ranked, and I am in Band 14. I intend to accept the assignment if and when it occurs.

Get Involved

I mention this so that those brother or sister League members who are interested in serving the League membership as a Director can start making plans now. Don't forget, in the near future two police officer seats may be open on the Board of Directors. I urge the membership to consider the diversity of this Department when weighing your options. I feel strongly that it would be beneficial for the membership that its Board of Directors reflect the make-up of this Department. I feel our League must use the democratic elective process to help better represent all members. It is way past time to have Asian, African-American, women, as well as Latino representatives. Let's not forget 60% of our membership is comprised of officers

covered by the Article 35 pension system. So, concerned members, get together. Make plans now. With hard work, the American democratic elective process can be utilized to put your representative on the Board. Get to it.

Thanks for Participating

As Minority Liaison on the Board of Directors, I called for a meeting of the heads of the various employee groups within the Los Angeles Police Department. The intent was to bring us closer together by having a forum in which to discuss issues and concerns of mutual interest. I wish to thank Ted Hunt for his presentation. I also appreciate the participation of Cliff Ruff, Gary Fullerton, Rick Wells, and Dennis Zine from the Board of Directors. But especially important to me were the contributions to the discussion by Ben Lee, Ann Young, Leonard Ross, and Lita Abella. I hope for more participation at our next meeting.

Article 35 Pensions

Recently, Jim Cansler and I met with newly-elected Police Representative to the Pension Commission, Fred Tredy. Lieutenant Cansler is one of the prime movers on my Ad Hoc Article 35 Pension Committee, and we all felt introductions were in order. We discussed many issues beneficial to the City and the Department. Also discussed were the shortcomings of the Article 35 pension plan and the detrimental effects of Article 35 on morale and the enormous attrition rate of Article 35 members on this Department. We exchanged points of view with the Commissioner-elect who assumes office July 1, 1995. We left with mixed feelings, but with a positive outlook for our next meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on May 22, 1995. I will report further next month.

Police Memorial Week

Ted Hunt and I took part in memorial services held in Washington, D.C. and Sacramento, California. 1994 was a terrible year. LAPD lost Police Officers Clarence Wayne Dean, Christy Hamilton, and Chuck Heim. We mourn them and we miss them. They will never be replaced. All three were taken from us while serving the public they were committed to protect. God bless them and keep them. During these services, my mind drifted. I thought of other law enforcement officers who were murdered but whose killers have not been brought to justice.

Over 20 years ago, I worked 77th Division Patrol with a fine officer named Mike Edwards. Somehow, while he was off duty, he was kidnapped and subsequently executed in the same neighborhoods he was assigned to patrol as an anti-gang unit officer. Where and who are his killers? Surely, the investigation is continuing.

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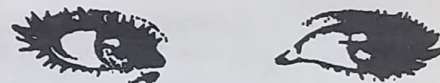
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ment Agency. Why haven't his kidnappers and killers been brought in and successfully prosecuted? It's been over five years and the bad guys are still roaming free. We will continue to pray for the souls of Mike and Kiki, but we will pray harder for the capture and prosecution of their murderers.

Special thanks and the gratitude of millions of Americans to Oklahoma Police Officer Charlie Hanger for exemplifying the values and tra-

ditions of law enforcement while capturing Tim McVeigh.

Stay safe, but if you are involved in law enforcement activities resulting in death, wait for the arrival of your League attorney. If you are not aware of the Department's new plan and the District Attorney's participation in it, shame on you. If you have any questions regarding this matter, call any League Director, Defense Representative, or Delegate.

THE GOOD, THE BAD & THE REST

RICK WELLS



Hello, again. I missed last month's deadline so this month's article is a little longer than usual. Just like in real life, there is good news, bad news, and general stuff.

The Bad News

I remember when team policing was implemented in LAPD in December of 1974. That little Management experiment was guaranteed to "improve police efficiency." All Divisional Detectives (except Homicide and Sex Crimes) were reassigned to teams as "generalist" Detectives; regardless of their particular expertise or job interest. The result was Detectives who had spent years developing expertise in highly-specialized fields like auto theft and burglary were suddenly investigating crimes against persons, thefts, BFM, etc. Less-experienced Detectives were forced to handle cases requiring expertise they didn't have. Expertise was lost, morale declined, and efficiency didn't really exist.

The team policing concept was a dismal failure; except, of course, for the staff officers who promoted it and themselves. The Department finally admitted its mistake and LAPD returned to a system that had proven itself for many years. Detectives who were experts in certain fields were assigned to their areas of specific interest and expertise. Once again, things worked smoothly and efficiently. That system still works today. Unfortunately, it seems someone forgot to tell Chief Williams.

By now you probably already know that the Chief has reorganized Robbery-Homicide Division and eliminated the Officer-Involved Shooting Team (O.I.S. Team). I've read the Chief's recommendation and explanation for this action. I strongly disagree with the Chief's rationale and logic.

For over 20 years there has been an O.I.S. Team dedicated solely to the investigation of officer-involved shootings. The system that has evolved to investigate officer-involved shootings, including the concept of a specialized O.I.S. Investigative Team has been fine-tuned over the years. It has been tested and proven effective thousands of times.

Quite simply, the system worked, and it worked efficiently and in the best interest of all concerned. The citizens of L.A. were assured that a thorough examination of every O.I.S. would take place. The Department managers relied on the investigative reports and expertise of O.I.S. Team personnel.

The officers involved in the shooting incidents knew that they could trust the members of the Shooting Team to do a very thorough and accurate investigation. That trust took many years to develop. For at least 20 years, L.A. cops knew that if they were acting in good faith and with reasonable judgment when they were forced to shoot someone, the Shooting Team would treat them fairly and professionally. Officers trusted that the O.I.S. Team would do whatever it took to prove the truth about all aspects of the shooting incident. If you told the O.I.S. Team the

truth and if you acted reasonably, you would be in good shape criminally and administratively. If you made mistakes, you would have to live with them — there weren't any cover-ups. If the shooting was apparently criminal on your part, you were investigated by IAD and criminal Detectives, not the O.I.S. Team.

According to our O.I.S. experts, it actually takes several years to become a real, true-life expert in the field of officer-involved shooting investigations. It takes about five years for a shooting incident to take its full course through the criminal review, administrative review, and ultimately, through the civil court trial process. Until an O.I.S. investigator or supervisor has had an opportunity to follow the course of several shootings through the process from shooting scene to final civil court disposition, they can't really grasp the true importance of the hundreds of details that must be considered during the initial investigation.

The civil liability aspect is truly important to an officer's future. Anything overlooked at this step could literally cost an officer and his family their home and their dreams. The risk is too heavy for officers to have anything less than the best qualified and most expert personnel involved in the investigation of officer-involved shootings. I would think that the City Council would share this concern as it applies to the City's liability related to O.I.S. incidents, too. I'm sure that it is very expensive to operate a Unit like the O.I.S. Section that is dedicated only to O.I.S. investigations. I'll bet the total annual cost of the O.I.S. Team would pale in comparison to the judgment cost of a single civil case that goes against the City because an O.I.S. investigation is forced to take a back seat to the Homicide, or other major crime investigations that will now be handled concurrently by O.I.S. investigators.

Be honest. If you had to do investigations involving O.I.S. incidents (with a new 60-day due date) and handle active kidnapping, murder, and mayhem investigations all at the same time, which would realistically demand your immediate attention such as:

- a) A kidnapping or murder of a child or V.I.P. with high-level political and news media attention; or
- b) An O.I.S. incident that appears to be in-policy, but has several officers involved who must be interviewed and/or re-interviewed.

Can you really be expected to be an expert Homicide Detective, expert Major Crime Detective, expert Officer-Involved Shooting Detective, all at the same time? I hope so. Each of those areas require years of experience to truly become an expert. I've dealt with the people at RHD many times. They are the best of the best in their respective fields. I believe the Chief is asking far too much from them with his reorganization plan. Is this another team policing plan? I hope he will be persuaded to reconsider his decision to eliminate the O.I.S. Section. There is just too much

at stake to experiment with the lives and careers of our dedicated officers.

More Bad News

The Chief's new plan for O.I.S. investigations requires that the RHD final report must be submitted within 60 days from when the shooting occurred so the Use of Force Review Board can review the case and "adjudicate" their part of it.

I'm told that the Medical Examiner's office is so far behind in producing autopsy reports that it takes four to six months to get a copy of the autopsy protocol which includes the actual (usually) cause of death and an explanation of the bullet wounds/effect.

Think About This

You're involved in a fatal shooting, or an in-custody death or a non-traffic-related law enforcement activity-related death, i.e., altercation resulting in a dead suspect. RHD handles all such investigations. RHD will be required to submit a final report within 60 days. The autopsy report won't be available for two to four months after the final report is submitted. The Use of Force Review Board may have to decide if you acted within policy without knowing the cause of death. The Commanding Officer may have to adjudicate your case without knowing how the suspect really died. Do you feel like your best interest has been considered? The military has an appropriate saying: "If it isn't broken, don't fix it." Might be good advice.

The League's Response

On May 16, the League will make a presentation to the Police Commission regarding our extreme dissatisfaction with this issue. While we await a review, we are going to do something never before done by the League.

For now, regarding each O.I.S. law enforcement activity-related death (LEARD) and in-custody death involving a League member, the following new League response will occur:

- 1) Upon notification and request by any member involved in any such incident, the League will immediately dispatch a League Director, League attorney(s) and request Employee Representatives to the scene to represent the criminal and/or administrative interest of each involved officer.

- a) Shooter(s)
If a League member so requests, he will be represented by a qualified criminal attorney at League expense in all Department interviews regarding the shooting or LEARD, including walk-throughs.

- b) Percipient Witness Officers
Represented by League Directors and Defense Representatives during all interviews related to the incident.

Call Outs

The Board of Directors has established an on-call roster for all Directors. During normal business hours, requests can be made by calling the League directly. During off-hours, notification can be made through Detective Headquarters Division, who will notify the on-call Director. The on-call Director will notify the on-call attorney and the on-call Defense Representative. If you request representation by the League or League attorney, your request must be honored by the Department.

The League anticipates an excellent working relationship with all of the Detectives and Detective supervisors assigned to investigate all

O.I.S. incidents. We have great faith in their ability, dedication, and concern for officers' welfare. We believe that everyone involved will be working toward the same goal — a thorough investigation and the protection of your rights.

It is extremely unfortunate that the Department has created the necessity for the involvement and response of Directors, attorneys, and employee representatives. The whole process has just become very complicated and cumbersome. The previous system had built-in protections that no longer exist.

Enough — Call if you need us!

The Good News

My congratulations to Fred Tredy on his election to the Board of Pension Commissioners. Fred has many years of experience helping officers with medical disabilities while he served as a Director with the Los Angeles Police Protective League. In fact, he literally wrote the book on the subject back in 1984. It's called the "Process Manual for Long-Term Sick/Long-Term IOD Workers' Compensation Information and the Disability Process." Whew — "The Process Manual" for short. It's a 112-page document that is available to all League members facing the grim prospect of a Workers' Comp award or disability pension. If you need one, call us and we'll send it to you. Well, Fred, I'll look forward to working with you at the Pension Board.

Thanks to Sergeant Tom Dawson who will be stepping down from the Pension Board next month.

Defense Representatives O.I.S. Training

In response to the O.I.S. policy change, the League is sponsoring a one-day O.I.S. Representation School in June for Defense Representatives, Directors, and panel attorneys, so we'll all be playing by the same rules.

Boards of General Appeals School

I asked for volunteers to act as BGA panel members and appellant representatives. I was hoping against all hope to get 20 candidates. What a pleasant surprise to have 59 volunteers sign up to help their brother and sister officers in a time of need. My hat is off to all of you for volunteering your help and talents. I'm happy to have you all aboard.

We had anticipated holding a one-day BGA school in May; however, the League and the staff at the Chief's Office, Employee Relations Section, have agreed to hold off temporarily on the school to allow us a chance to jointly review and possibly rewrite the BGA Procedures Manual and to fine-tune the process. Lieutenant Rita Knecht and Sergeant Horace Frank will be working with us to improve the BGA process before we put on a joint school. I welcome their help and input.

To date, the BGA process hasn't been a big success. Perhaps with a spirit of cooperation we can make some meaningful improvements that will create an effective and fair employee appeal process. That's the goal...

Defense Representative Board of Rights Training

In April, the League sponsored training for Defense Representatives related to Boards of Rights issues. The Training day, which was com-

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lifetime member because of his objectivity in reporting on police issues. Dirck's lovely wife, Ellen (who, like Dirck, is a Karate Black Belt), also attended the awards banquet.

Before the actual ceremonies began, Cliff Ruff, President of the League, walked over and asked me, "Rik, you seem a little nervous. Is something wrong?" I said, "Well, I'm not as nervous about the awards as I am nervous about the four guys sitting at the table in front of the speaker's podium." At that table were four of my former supervisors who are now retired contributors to the *Blue Line*. Those being: Retired Captain Mike Dwyer, Retired Deputy Chief Charlie Reese, Retired Lieutenant Bernie Remas, and Retired Detective Loyd Yandle. Loyd was a Juvenile Car Officer in Hollywood Division when I was a young rambunctious teenager. Loyd had the occasion to straighten me out during a field contact and get my head straight. I never will forget Loyd for that. He did the job that the J-Car Officers were intended to do. Thanks again, Loyd.

The first award category was for Photo of the Year. The winning photo was taken by Art Ferugia, S.I.D. Lab. The photo depicted Motor Officer Leslie Higgins' retirement state-

ment. Well, you could call it a statement. Actually, it was almost an event in that Higgins, in turning in his equipment, decided that his motorcycle was part of his equipment, and so he parked his motorcycle in the doorway of the Department's Retirement Counselor on the Fifth Floor of Parker Center. The photo says it all!

The next award category was for Retired Association Reporters. These are the retired officers who regularly submit informative and entertaining articles about their organization's activities throughout California and Nevada. They are: Charlie Reese and Mike Dwyer, reporting for the Former Los Angeles Police Department Associates; Bernie Remas and Roy Kerton for the Sacramento Area Blue Line Association; Loyd Yandle for the Inland Blue Line; and Kokanee Roberts for the Pacific Northwest Blue Line Reunion. Incidentally, Kokanee Roberts is the pen name of Retired Detective Gail Coutts.

The next award category was for the Story of the Year, which appeared in the October issue, entitled "Oldest Living Los Angeles Police Widow Tells It All." It is the story of the 106-year-old police widow Lillian Norquist Hagenbaugh, as told to Retired Detective Gail Coutts. Various Hagenbaugh family members served

in the LAPD from 1906 to 1977. They were beat officers, brass, and pilots. Her husband, Captain William Hagenbaugh, retired in 1931 and died in 1943, leaving a proud legacy for Lillian to reflect upon. Mrs. Hagenbaugh turned 106 this January. Her husband's pension provides her with good care.

The next category was for the Divisional Reporters. To receive recognition, the Divisional Reporter had to submit a minimum of eight Divisional Reporter columns reflecting the activities and achievements of their Divisions. The following Divisional Reporters were recognized: Mike Menza, Divisional Reporter for Internal Affairs Division and Hollywood Division; Roy Langheld, Divisional Reporter for South Traffic

Division; Jace Kessler, Divisional Reporter for Rampart Division; and Marie Tafoya, Divisional Reporter for Central Division. These other writers are to be commended for their individual achievement as reporters for their Division: Gail Ryan, Divisional Reporter for Newton Division; David Rosenberg, Divisional Reporter for Southwest Division; and former Divisional Reporters and now League Directors Ted Hunt, who served as Divisional Reporter for Training Division, and Lenny Muñoz, Divisional Reporter from Metropolitan Division. It was particularly hard getting the two Directors to accept the awards. In their modesty, they felt that as Directors they should not have been considered. The reality is that they were Divisional Reporters when the articles were written. It was the consensus of the Blue Line Committee that they receive the awards. They are both modest, capable men. What was particularly embarrassing for Lenny Muñoz was that the Committee selected him as the Outstanding Divisional Reporter of the Year. This award was for his articles submitted from Metropolitan Division in 1994, prior to his election to the Board of Directors.

The final category was for Commendable Copper Caper of the Year. Uniquely, this award is given to the officers who performed the commendable copper caper, rather than the writer of the story. This year's award went to Officers Raymond Mendoza and Gerald Ballesteros of Newton Division. They received the Commendable Copper Caper of the Year award for their acts of heroism on September 20, 1993. These two officers were working Community Resources Against Street Hoodlums (CRASH) assignment in Newton Di-

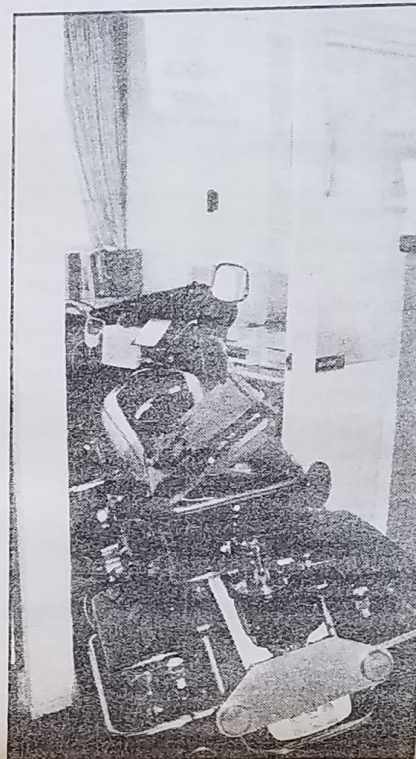
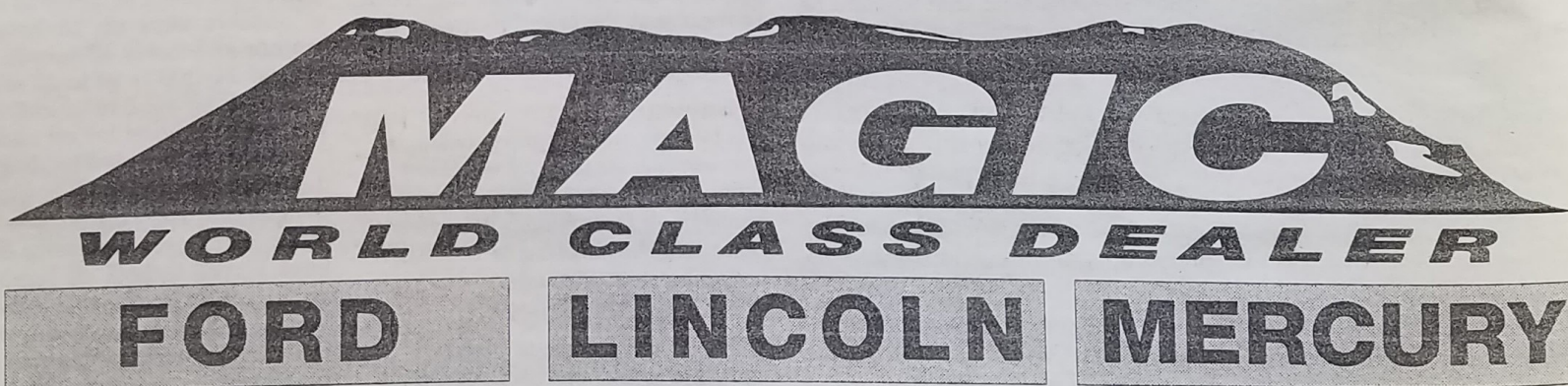


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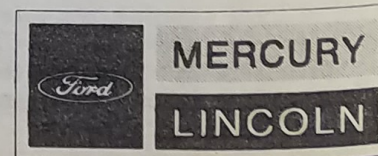


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vision, and arrested a Crip gang member. When they were enroute to the station, they encountered eight other gang members, one of whom without warning opened fire on the officers while they were in the vehicle. Officer Mendoza was struck three times. Though wounded with bullets in his chest, arm, and leg, and suffering temporary blindness from the shattered glass, Mendoza fought back and returned fire to the gangmembers. His partner, Officer Ballesteros, also returned fire, forcing the ambushers to take cover, thus enabling the officers to drive out of the ambush kill zone and request the help needed to contain the suspects and to get medical aid for Officer Mendoza. Through their heroism and attention to duty under extreme duress, they survived and were able to identify the three shooters involved and capturing one. Despite facing armed suspects in an ambush with exploding rounds tearing through the police car and the serious wounds sustained by Officer Mendoza, both officers stood their ground refusing to give up and die. Their bravery, tactics, and tenacity enabled them to withstand the deadly assault by armed gangmembers intent on assassinating two L.A. cops.

In 1994, the First Annual Top Cop Awards Ceremony, hosted by the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO) was held in Washington, D.C. (your League is a NAPO member) and I, along with other Directors, attended. Twelve law enforcement officers representing 10 states were honored for their dedication to duty and outstanding contributions serving the public and protecting the peace. These two officers were nominated by the Protective League to receive

awards for their bravery. I was particularly proud to see the reaction of the audience which was comprised of law enforcement officers throughout the nation. They all gasped when they heard the reaccounting of this incident and gave the officers a standing ovation at the completion of the reading of the award. All of the officers' fellow Newton CRASH unit members attended, along with their Commanding Officer, Captain Jim Tatreau. We are all extremely proud of these officers and their extraordinary service to the citizens of Los Angeles.

At the conclusion of the Thin Blue Line awards ceremony, Dirck Morgan, was presented with a plaque of sincere gratitude and appreciation for his participation in this event. He is a real professional and gentleman. Please keep those articles coming.

The contributors to the *Thin Blue Line* are the ones who deserve much of the credit for what goes into making it the superb law enforcement periodical that it is.

Leonard Ross' Membership Issue

In my May article, I addressed the issue of whether Leonard Ross should be allowed to remain a member of the League. (Please refer to that article for particulars and as to why I am seeking the readers' opinions on this issue.) I intend to report on the results of the telephone survey and Letters to the Editor that I receive on this matter in a future issue of the *Blue Line*. If you haven't done so, I encourage you to read my article in the May issue of the *Blue Line*, and voice your opinions on the 20/20 Message Line at (213) 485-2020, or write a "Letter to the Editor" on that issue. I look forward to hearing your responses.

Wells

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pletely the result of Defense Rep Jim Martin's efforts, was a total success. The feedback from those lucky enough to attend was very positive. I appreciate the extra effort made by many of you to attend. Thanks, Jim, and April, too.

We thank Captain Bonneau for an excellent class. Your insight was well received and appreciated by the Reps. Also, a special thanks to Lieutenant Joe Ramm, the Department's Advocate, for a very candid, informative, and welcome perspective.

Attorneys Patrick Thistle and Mike Stone provided excellent train-

ing regarding legal aspects of employee advocacy, making a record for appeals, and witness examinations. Their presentations were extremely valuable to the Defense Representatives and, more importantly, to the officers they will be representing in the future. Thanks so much. Your expertise is invaluable. Pat and Mike are totally dedicated to helping our members. Well, friends, if you're still with me, your eyes are probably as tired as my writing hand.

Note: To the LAPD Motor Officer's wife with the lovely new baby—contact me at the League office and I'll try to help with your request.

Be safe and keep your partners safe.

TAKE CARE.

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Fullerton

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creased from \$1,000 to \$1,200. The lifetime orthodontic maximum payment of \$1,000 has been extended to include adults as well as dependent children. Also, we have revised the definition of dependent children to include students to age 25 when enrolled full time in an accredited college or university. The subsidy will be \$41 maximum per active member, up from \$37 last year. Based on this subsidy, the single party subscriber will have no cost to him/her self. The family rate for active members will be \$54.28 which will result in a bi-weekly cost of \$6.64.

Command Staff Changes

The recent changes in assignments of our bureaucratic hierarchy were very interesting. Most changes were just moving one problem to another, but some movement made real sense and constituted smart person-

nel decisions by the Chief. One fine move was to place Commander Keith Bushey in charge of Personnel. It is important to have a people-oriented leader such as Bushey in this sensitive spot. It was a great loss to have Commander Art Lopez transferred from Employee Relations. He was a breath of fresh air after a long line of unreasonable and hard-line administrators. I want to thank Commander Lopez for his genuine concern for our Department and for its officers. I'm sure he will succeed in his new assignment and in the future. I hope that the new Employee Relations Administrator, Commander John Moran, will take note of Commander Lopez' approach to his job and concern for the rank and file. I know Commander Moran is highly intelligent and experienced. We have the ability to work together to improve the morale of our officers and to make this Department run effectively. Welcome to the negotiation process, Commander Moran. Let's work together!

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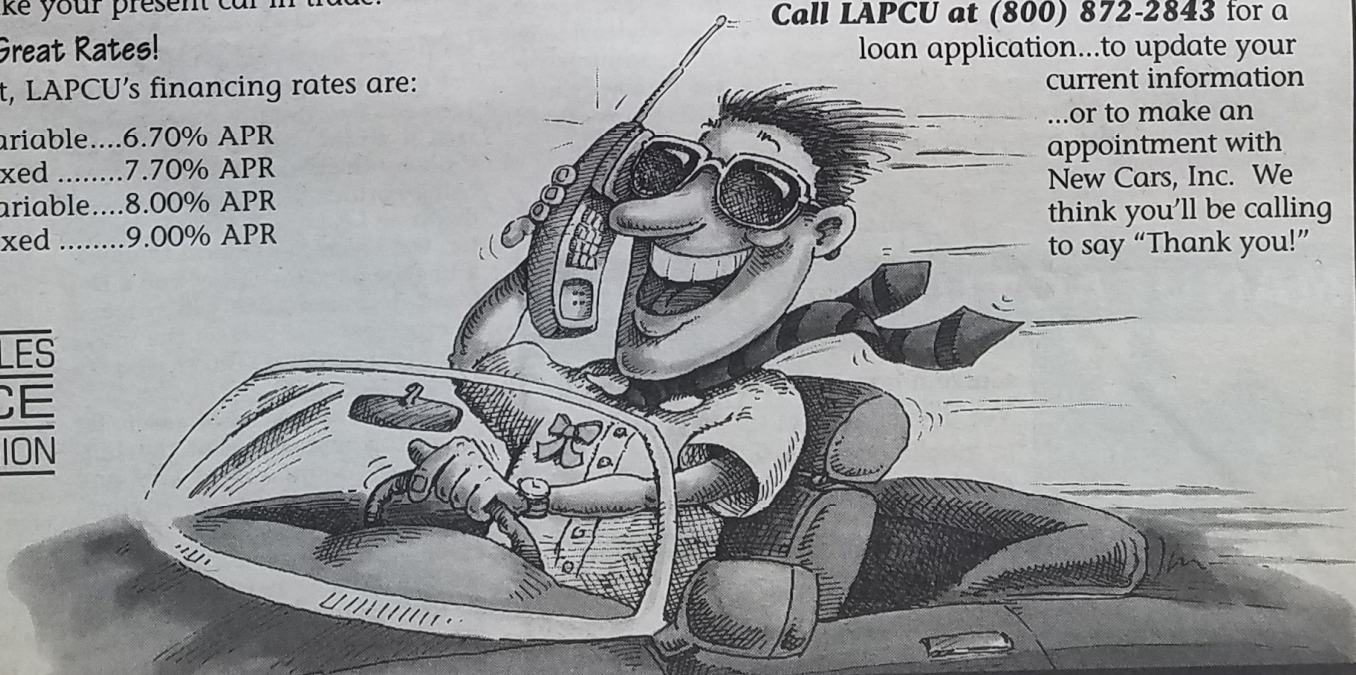
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MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL COUNSEL

HANK HERNANDEZ



Revised Guidelines For The Investigation of Officer-Involved Shootings Causes League Attorneys To Respond

Background

The old method by which the Department investigated Officer-Involved Shootings (OIS), in-custody deaths and Law Enforcement Activity Related Deaths (LEARD) has been changed by the Chief of Police because it was creating a perception that the Officer-Involved Shooting Section (OIS Section) was intentionally withholding information about such investigations from the District Attorney's Office (DA). Specifically, the DA objected to (1) the method by which OIS investigators admonished involved officers pursuant to the California Supreme Court decision in *Lybarger vs. City of Los Angeles*, et al; and (2) the process of conducting an administrative investigation instead of a criminal one.

As a result of this perception, some months ago District Attorney Gil Garcetti personally requested Chief of Police Willie Williams to discontinue the practice of giving OIS involved officers the "Lybarger" admonishment. In lieu of this admonishment, the District Attorney preferred that involved officers simply be permitted to make a statement if they choose to do so. The District Attorney also wanted the completed criminal investigation, with or without statements from the involved officers, submitted to the DA's Office within 30 days of the incident.

Once the League's Board of Directors became aware of the District Attorney's request, the Chief of Police was personally asked on numerous occasions regarding his position. Time after time, the Chief responded that no changes would be implemented until his staff had the opportunity to research and study the DA's request. He also reassured the Board that no changes would be implemented prior to meeting and consulting with the League. During these discussions the Chief was clearly informed of the League's serious concerns about officers' rights and working conditions that changes to the OIS procedures would certainly bring about. The Chief was also warned that any changes would result in a strong response by the League.

Contrary to his word to the Board of Directors, on April 24, 1995, the Chief of Police ordered the reorganization of Robbery-Homicide Division and revised the guidelines for the investigation of OIS, in-custody deaths and LEARD. The Chief did this without notifying the League or the Police Commission. As a matter of fact, his official notification to the Police Commission was dated April 25, 1995, the day after he implemented the changes.

Old Method

OIS, in-custody deaths and LEARD investigations used to be exclusively conducted by a team of well-trained detectives who specialized in these investigations. They were assigned to the OIS Section of Robbery-Homicide Division (RHD). They would examine and report (1) the facts of the involved officer(s) use of deadly force; (2) the identification of all factors which motivated the officer to use deadly force, including the officer's state of mind which prompted its use; and (3) the officer's tactics immediately prior to, and during the incident. Similarly, LEARD investigations were conducted to examine and report the facts surrounding the actions of officers which may have contributed to the death of a suspect or an in-custody arrestee. While the results of OIS, in-custody deaths and LEARD investigations were provided to the DA's Office for a determination as to whether the homicide/death was criminal or non-criminal, these administrative investigations also protected the City from potential civil liability and examined the officer's tactics.

The old OIS procedures were dictated by the Board of Police Commissioners and documented in the Eulia Love report. The OIS Section had merely been complying with these mandates since 1979. The investigation that used to be conducted by the OIS Section was to determine the facts of the incident. It was reported in an administrative format and was primarily utilized for administrative purposes.

Revised Guidelines

On April 24, 1995, the Chief of Police ordered the reorganization of



League General Counsel Hank Hernandez visited with President Bill Clinton in the Oval Office during NAPO's Legislative Conference in Washington D.C. The visit was arranged by former California Insurance Commissioner John Garamendi. During the visit the President was informed of the League's and NAPO's objections to the modifications to the 1994 Crime Bill proposed by the House of Representatives regarding funding for 100,000 police officers.

RHD. The Major Crime Investigation Section (MCIS) and the OIS Section were disbanded. The investigators assigned to MCIS and OIS were reassigned to Homicide Special Section (HSS). HSS is now comprised of three investigative units and one administrative unit. The investigative units are supervised by a Lieutenant II, formerly assigned to OIS, MCIS and HSS. Each investigative unit consists of two teams. The teams have at least one detective formerly assigned to OIS and one detective formerly assigned to either MCIS or HSS. These HSS investigative teams now have investigative responsibility for all officer-involved shootings and custodial deaths except animal and non tactical accidental shootings.

It is of paramount importance for all officers to understand that under these revised guidelines for the investigation of all OIS and custody deaths **the primary responsibility of the HSS investigative teams is to determine if there is criminal liability on the part of any involved or percipient officer(s).** Additionally, HSS investigators have been instructed to be **"...vigilant to developing evidence as the investigation proceeds and constantly analyze the possibility of criminal liability on the part of any involved or percipient officer."** (Los Angeles Police Department OIS Procedural Manual, April 1995.)

League's Response

Effective April 25, 1995, the League's Board of Directors authorized a strong response to the actions by the Chief of Police. Upon being notified of an OIS, custodial death or LEARD, a League Director, the League's General Counsel, a League panel attorney, and a Defense Representative will respond to represent and protect the interests of all involved officers who are League members.

There are several basic reasons for taking this approach. First, the shifting of the emphasis of OIS and LEARD investigations to criminal first and administrative (internal discipline/training) second, will do nothing for the involved officers or for the Department, except to make the existing morale problem worse because the League perceives that officers are simply not being properly protected from criminal prosecution for the use of deadly force in the line of duty. Second, California law gives

officers the right to have administrative interviews compelled. It is the officer's right and option to invoke this right. Prior to the current change in procedures, the League and the Department operated on the basis of trust. The League had agreed to withhold attorneys and Defense Representatives if (1) OIS investigators invoked the officer's rights for the involved officer(s) and, (2) the League was notified in all cases where the preliminary assessment of an OIS or LEARD indicated strong evidence of criminal liability on the part of any involved officer. **This practice permitted time-saving interviews of all involved officers and everyone seemed to benefit.** Lastly, due to the huge criminal, civil and administrative liabilities facing officers, the League views protection of officers in OIS and LEARD incidents as one of its most important roles and areas of responsibilities. The League needs to ensure that officers' rights are protected and for this reason, it will not allow interviews of officers to occur without an attorney present.

Involved Officer's Responsibilities

Based on the changes by the Chief of Police, and to safeguard and protect your legal rights, we advise the following:

1. Immediately after a shooting incident request a supervisor and additional units. Assess the need for medical personnel and request a rescue ambulance if required. **Request the Watch Commander to notify the League.**
2. Handcuff the suspect, even if the suspect is severely wounded. It is in the officer's best interest to have the suspect handcuffed. This will prevent further involvement by the suspect whose extent of injuries are yet to be determined.
3. Preserve the scene. If evidence is picked up prior to the arrival of the assigned detectives, mark the location from where it was obtained. Once evidence is picked up, secure it and do not replace it prior to the investigating officer's arrival. If tactically safe, leave all evidence where it is located until the arrival of investigating officers.
4. Coordinate the arrival of responding units and establish a perimeter for scene preservation and for the search of outstanding suspects, if appropriate.

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5. Reholster your weapon once the tactical situation is resolved and leave it there. Additional handling of the weapon could result in the loss of evidence and/or give the appearance of tampering with the weapon's ballistic characteristics.
6. Locate and identify witnesses to the shooting incident. Obtain good identification from any potential witnesses who observe or hear the incident.
7. Refrain from writing anything pertaining to the shooting incident. Be prepared to **briefly** describe the incident with a responding supervisor (Public Safety Statement). A peace officer involved in the use of deadly force is **only** required to provide a Public Safety Statement to a supervisor. Information regarding outstanding suspects, weapons or other information that may impact the public's safety must be divulged. A brief summary should be provided, but **do not** discuss the **details** of the shooting.
8. An off-duty officer who has been involved in a shooting incident should comply with all of the above. Additionally, consideration must be given to whether the shooting occurred within Los Angeles or within another agency's jurisdiction. If outside the city, the officer should notify the local law enforcement agency without delay.
9. Once transported from the scene to a police station, do **not** discuss the circumstances of the shooting with anyone until the League's General Counsel arrives. If anyone insists in questioning you about the details assert your right to have counsel present during the questioning.

Conclusion

The Department investigates approximately 120 officer-involved shooting investigations per year, and only one or so involve any criminal misconduct. The Chief of Police has stated that the revisions to the OIS and LEARD investigations was to ensure that the review process is completed in a timely manner. His alleged goal is to ensure that OIS investigative reports are submitted within sixty (60) days and the complete administrative review cycle is completed in six (6) months. This is an unrealistic "pipe dream". Analysis by Scientific Investigation Division often requires in excess of two months to complete, and the Coroner's Office requires three to four months to submit their autopsy report. If the OIS investigative report is required to be completed prior to receiving these findings, the Department runs the risk of having many inaccuracies later identified. While these inaccuracies may be perceived as a "cover up" or sloppy investigation (as the so called "dream team" is attempting to do in the O.J. Simpson case), the physical evidence revealed by these analyses is the backbone of the investigation that provide elements of integrity and credibility. It is also the existence of this physical evidence that encourages officers to be truthful in their statements to investigators. Considering all the pros and cons of the Department's old methods of investigating shootings by officers, and the DA's concerns, why change to a different system which undoubtedly exposes officers and the City to more liability than one case per year?

Be safe out there, trust your partner and call the League immediately if you become involved in an OIS. God bless. *

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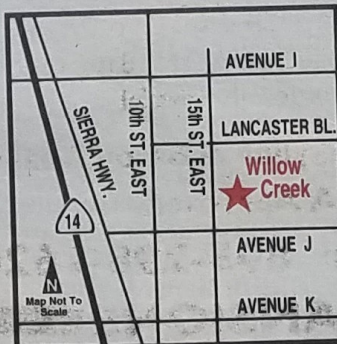
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From the Editor:

Leonard Ross' Membership Issue

In my May article, I addressed the issue of whether Leonard Ross should be allowed to remain a member of the League. (Please refer to that article for particulars and as to why I am seeking the readers' opinions on this issue.) I intend to report on the results of the telephone survey and Letters to the Editor that I receive on this matter in a future issue of the Blue Line. If you haven't done so, I encourage you to read my article in the May issue of the Blue Line, and voice your opinions on the 20/20 Message Line at (213) 485-2020, or write a "Letter to the Editor" on that issue. I look forward to hearing your responses.

Dear Editor and my LAPD family:

I have been following the past and present events that have occurred ever since I retired from the LAPD, in November, 1991, Class of 10/71. I did not quit law enforcement when I retired, I just decided I didn't want to be part of the new changes about to take place.

I was part of the statewide task force that patrolled your streets during the riots of '92, I watched on the T.V. how the city was ravaged by fires and I watched with pride how you

held the city together almost with your bare hands during the earthquake. I also paid tribute to a hero of mine and a true friend as Wayne Dean was laid to rest (I worked with Wayne for 12 years out of VTD).

I am writing to you as a friend and fellow officer (well almost, a deputy sheriff), and I think your anger and frustration towards your new Chief of Police is unwarranted. Willie Williams never had the training you had, he never went through the countless hours of blood, sweat and tears you experienced just to be qualified to wear the badge of the greatest law enforcement agency in the world. He doesn't know what it's like to live and work in L.A. You have no right to ask him to act like a world class chief of police when he was only appointed for one reason. That reason was to make wide sweeping changes in the best police department that ever was. He's a political appointment to be a politician. At that he has done quite well. You need to understand that and if you want positive changes, then you have to have a world class chief to head up your world class department. There are many truly qualified ones right there in your ranks that can put you

back on track to do what you do best, "Protect and Serve" with world class distinction.

My thoughts and prayers are with you all. God bless, and I hope to see you at the Police Olympics this summer in Modesto.

Deputy Sheriff Bob Winget
(LAPD Retired, 17220)

Dear Editor:

Recently I read an article in the L.A. Times about the shock that the Police Commission is feeling in regards to the number of officers leaving the Department, and the fact that the current exodus is making it difficult for Mayor Riordan to increase the size of the LAPD. In that article, Commissioner Greenebaum said he was upset with the League. He was upset because the League "used to support the Department and now is running employment ads" in the Blue Line which entice LAPD officers to look for greener pastures. I wrote the Times and explained to them that the League's duty requires it to look after the well-being of its members and it does an excellent job of it. If it means educating the members about opportunities available in other agencies, so be it.

I also mentioned that Commissioner Greenebaum neglected to mention that the Human Resources Bulletin, published weekly by Human Resources Bureau, home of Personnel and Training Groups, has always advertised staff position opportunities in other agencies throughout the state and the U.S. Staff positions paying as much as six figures. Logic begs the following questions: Why is Human Resources Bureau allowed to entice seasoned sergeants, lieutenants or staff members of this Department to seek greener pastures, causing the city to lose irreplaceable experience? Why is it not acceptable for the League to do the same for the rank and file? I've asked these questions in the past and still have not received an answer. Commission Greenebaum should look into why members of the Department are leaving and remedy the problem. Audits and studies are good intentions but good intentions won't keep officers here. Every time staff members try to raise morale when speaking to officers in in-service schools, they mention we're getting new cars and radios. I've asked around and no officer I've spoken with has been asked what he or she thinks by management. New cars fitted with obsolete communication systems, hard to reach shotguns, MDT's that right handed passenger officers can't use without unbuckling their seatbelts don't make the job any easier. New radios which can't be used when needed without trying to beat fellow officers to the random

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A Tribute To The Life Of Lisa Nielsen

Lisa Nielsen was a friend, a classmate, and for those of us who were really fortunate, she was a partner in patrol. I was one of the lucky people who had Lisa in my life, daily, for almost two years. We learned from each other during the academy. I learned from her in the field at North Hollywood and Central.

After we got off probation we both wheeled to Central. We were working a Z car and while driving we went through a large puddle of water that drenched a man standing at the bus stop. Lisa turned to me and said: We're going to get beefed for that. I

said what are you talking about, I was writing in my log. She looked me right in the eye and said that won't fly, you're driving!

Lisa really enjoyed putting bad guys in jail. One special arrest comes to mind. She had just brought in another person for selling long distance phone services at the corner phone booth outside Central Station. As she checked the telephone access numbers he had been using, she discovered he had been selling calls that were being charged to her home phone! Although we had a good laugh, she took it in stride, booked

him and went out to get someone else.

Lisa was a great partner because she was so easy to get along with. She was a natural in patrol and preferred to work there.

As a class, we will remember Lisa for her great attitude and warm spirit. She was the classmate EVERYBODY got along with. If a smile or kind word was needed, we knew Lisa would be there for us.

Lisa, I will miss you because you were always so frank with me. Your

honesty, NO MATTER WHAT, is all too rare. I am also grateful to you because you introduced me to one of my best friends.

You embraced my family as your own. I will never forget that. You have a permanent residence where your spirit lives on in my heart. Finally, you must know and hear me say that we, my wife, my children and the class of 12/84, will always love you.

Kevin, Laura, April, Alicia, Robin and the class of 12/84.

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END OF WATCH



NAME: Leslie H. Rogers #6609
RANK: Lieutenant I
ASSIGNED TO: Jail
BORN: April 10, 1923
APPT: February 1, 1950
RETIRED: June 28, 1980
DIED: March 27, 1995

★ ★ ★

NAME: Frank Hintz #13729
RANK: Police Officer
ASSIGNED TO: Hollywood
BORN: December 23, 1937
APPT: December 31, 1967
RETIRED: January 13, 1990
DIED: March 29, 1995

★ ★ ★

NAME: Manuel Francis Bustamante #2910
RANK: Sergeant
ASSIGNED TO: Bunco-Forgery
BORN: August 14, 1916
APPT: July 6, 1942
RETIRED: April 1, 1965
DIED: April 26, 1995

NAME: Jerry "J.T." Thomas #12945
RANK: Sergeant II
ASSIGNED TO: Metropolitan
BORN: September 22, 1942
APPT: August 1, 1966
RETIRED: November 25, 1991
DIED: March 30, 1995

★ ★ ★

NAME: Lisa Nielsen #24741
RANK: Police Officer III
ASSIGNED TO: Hollenbeck
BORN: September 19, 1962
APPT: December 20, 1984
ACTIVE
DIED: May 3, 1995

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NAME: John Patrick St. John #2698
RANK: Detective III
ASSIGNED TO: Robbery-Homicide
BORN: February 8, 1918
APPT: March 24, 1942
RETIRED: March 8, 1993
DIED: May 3, 1995

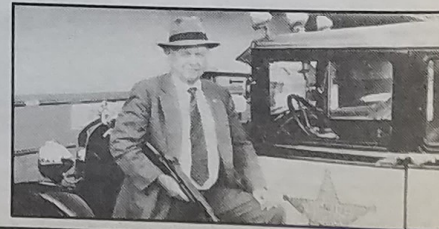
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In Memory of John St. John Badge #1 (a 50 year man)

by Carl C. Howard
a Classmate

For whom the bell tolls
It tolls for thee, John
The Lord has required your soul
It's the end of watch, dear friend
With tenacity you served well
Fifty years of time will tell
It's never easy, the stress and hours for sure
You have succeeded to overcome and endure
Some say it was your heart that did you in
Others say it was the job and hours to contend
Or was it the pantry and a drink
Nevertheless, fifty years as an officer, makes you think
The good news, John, there is no hell
It's a state of mind, and yours was well
So long for now my old friend, we'll see you soon
In a little corner of heaven... the pantry room
June Class of 1942

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Letters

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clear frequency not only do not make things easier, but are also downright demeaning to officer safety. After eight to twelve hours on patrol under just the conditions mentioned above, one needs a 2-hour soak in a bathtub just to get the knots out of one's neck.

Management can start by asking the rank and file for their input on equipment design and opinions to make things better. Once given suggestions, those suggestions must be implemented immediately, without months or years of researches and studies. Department management has some if not total control on how their offices are laid out. All patrol officers ask is that they be given a voice on how their "officers" are laid out. Management must listen to the rank and file because to some officers that are leaving, money isn't everything. Working in a comfortable environment is more important.

André Belotto, 26189
Pacific Patrol

League Director who put me in touch with Mike Stone, then general counsel. With their help the lawsuit came to a conclusion without any out-of-pocket money to me. This only came about because I was a paid-up member in good standing prior to my retirement. Let's not forget that the officers involved in the Rodney King incident were League members.

I can understand Sgt. Ross not wanting to depart from the League as his statements appear to be misconduct. If a personnel complaint is brought against Sgt. Ross, he will most likely use the League and all the benefits the League provides.

I'm sorry to see dissension within the ranks of our Department, but when you have so many groups representing one another, it's bound to happen. I guess that old saying "united we stand, divided we fall" means just what it means.

Keep up the good work at the League and God bless the LAPD.

Tony Barone
Retired

Dear Editor:

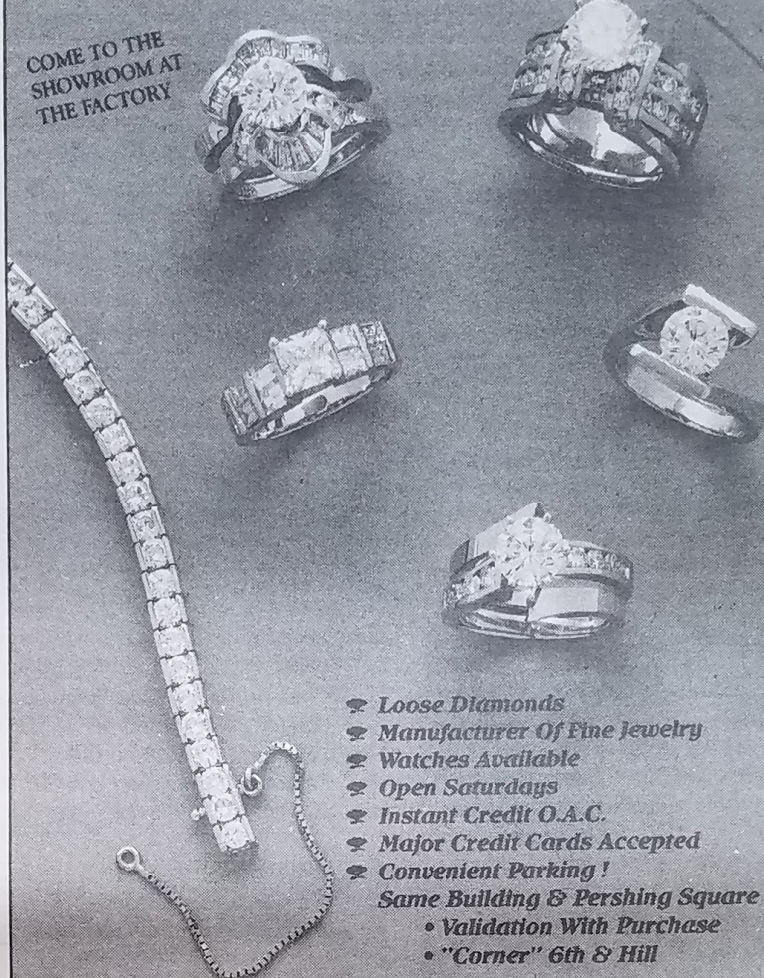
Just a little message to the guys, in the spirit of misery loves company. After the castration of the LAPD, we now see the fine politicians and special groups go after LAFD and get the fire chief. If the citizens of Los Angeles would stop and think for one minute we'd all be out of work, because there would be no one here. Fire Chief Manning said he resigned because of false allegations and innuendos; he should have talked to Chief Gates. A new motto for the sides of our black and whites, "To be politically correct and scared."

William Jones
Rampart Detectives

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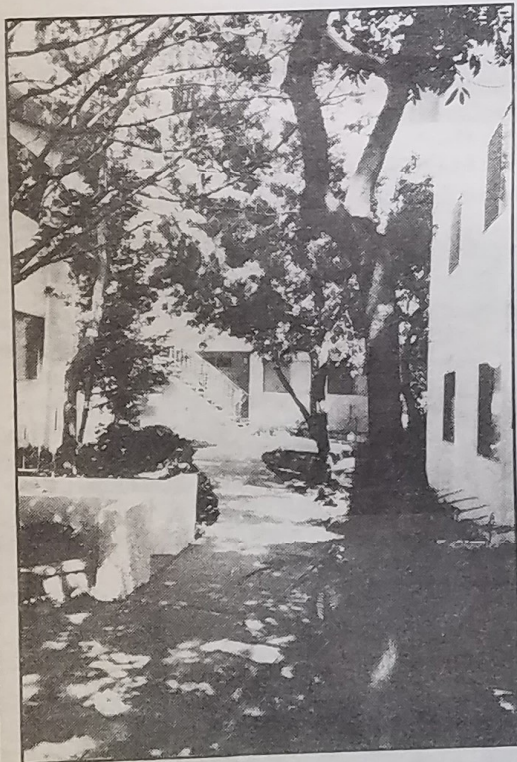
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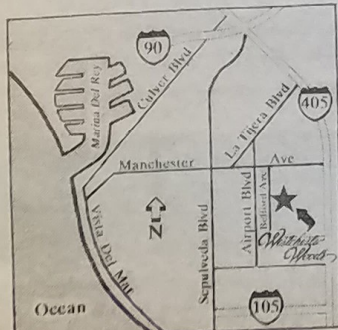
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Northeast Exposure

by Allison Sutherland
Northeast Division

I'd like to start with a fair warning to all those "bad guys" in Northeast Division — "We're gonna getcha!"



Officer John Emilio Perez

NEST (North East Surveillance Team) has been re-activated and staffed with Reserve and Regular officers! SLO's **Joe Writer** and **Richard Kanzaki** are in charge of the new and improved NEST. The first detail did not net any busts, but, it is only a matter of time! *We are watching.*

Greetings to the new CRO fearless leader, Sgt. **Ron Lopez**! Glad you're here.

Reserve officers, headed by R/O **Lloyd Nelson**, were in their own booth at the L.A. City Earthquake Fair, both recruiting and offering fingerprinting. Lots of parents had their kids printed, and in turn gave the reserve unit a nice donation! A win-win day. Next venue, the Gene Autry Western Heritage Museum.

Inspiration and perspiration were products of the annual Baker-to-Vegas run! The Northeast team ran their hearts out . . . and finished a



Celebrating the finish.

Photo by Joe Beruman



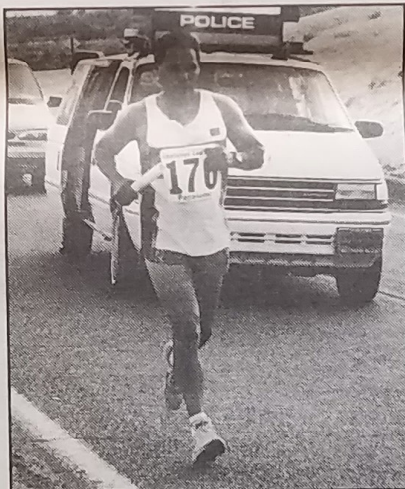
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great 12th overall! One hundred twenty miles across the desert, the team started at 1300 hours and finished at 0530 hours. I applaud them. I commend them. I think they're all nuts! Division Detective **Joe Beruman** supplied these photos from the race.

Inspiration of another kind is supplied by the following story. **John Perez** thought this story might be of interest to Blue Line readers. I agreed. You decide for yourselves. John Emilio Perez was born and raised in Zacatecas, Mexico. He became an elementary school teacher, a Spanish instructor in the junior high, and taught a multi-subject curriculum for about four years. He came to California in 1986 with the dream of becoming a cop. At that

time he didn't speak, write or understand one word of English. He enrolled in ESL classes; and, two years later went to Roosevelt High School, getting his diploma in 1990. After that, he obtained his U.S. citizenship and began classes at East L.A. College. He graduated from college with an AA degree in December, 1993. In January 1994 he began training at the L.A. Police Academy, finally realizing his dream! Officer Perez has been on the job for about 10 months now. He loves being a cop in the best division of the best police force on the planet! Congratulations from this officer, John! You've certainly earned your chance.

Until next month — KMA.

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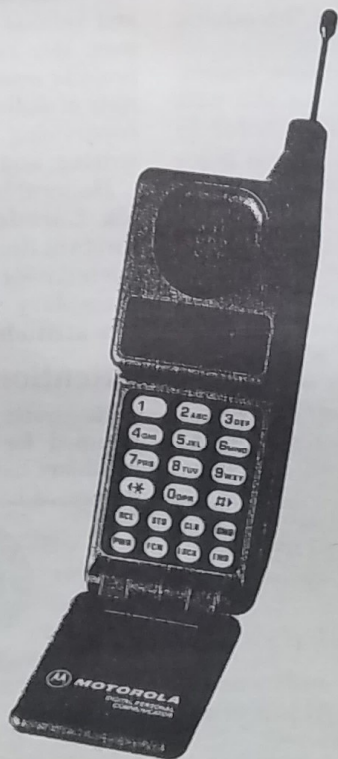
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Division With A Mission

by Marie Tafoya
Central Division

Hello everyone! Seems like April/May was a busy month for everyone. From Fiesta Broadway to Cinco de Mayo, demos and all those bomb threats. Hopefully everything will calm down soon.

LAPD Appreciation Day

LAPD was thanked for making downtown the safest community in the City!! I wanted to share with you what the downtown marketing council wrote about this event.

Downtown is blessed with a hard working proactive police force. The Los Angeles Police Department's diligent efforts in Central Area have led to dramatic decrease in crime, yet you would never know it by the frequent barrage of negative press coverage. In an effort to draw attention to the success of the community-based policing efforts of the LAPD-Central Division, the downtown businesses, residents, and city officials gathered together at Pershing Square to honor the LAPD.

A giant certificate of appreciation was presented to Captain **Bonneau** and Deputy Chief **Gil**. Every Central officer will receive a smaller certificate to be placed in their package. The certificate will be personalized and will read "In recognition of your outstanding effort, as part of the LAPD Central Area, in making downtown Los Angeles the safest community in the City."

Arizona Police Olympics

On March 16 and 17 in Tucson, Arizona, **Mark Haro** competed and won the gold medal for the open light heavyweight division. **Troy Laster** (recently transferred) also won the gold medal for the open middleweight division. Congratulations to you both.

Baker to Vegas

Congratulations to the Central Running team in placing 6th in the mixed division.

Special Highlights

Retired Chief Gates stopped by to say hello taking a moment to snap a photo with (left to right) Sgt.

Alora Axworthy, Officers **Benson Min** and **Tina Gethrall**.

Congratulations! Kudos!

To Senior Lead Officer **Daryl West** and **Marie Tafoya** (that's me) in receiving the Community Support Award from the William Mead Housing Management. And... new SLOs **Mike Hargraves** and **Calvin Hill**; new P-3s **Barbara Jones**, **Gary Sales** and **Sam Gong**.

Certificates of Appreciation

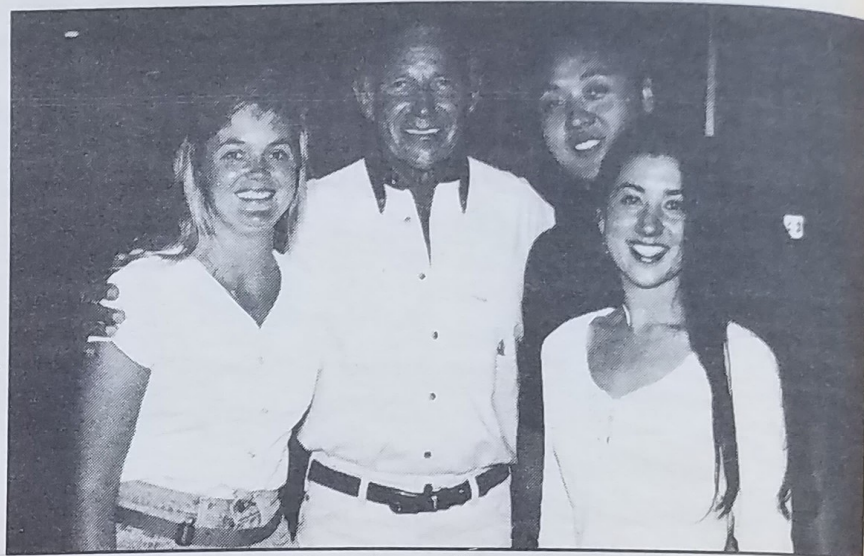
In the March issue I wrote about the officers who received awards from their Central peers for supervisor, patrol officer, etc. of the year. However, it was brought to my attention that I forgot to mention those officers who also put forth some good effort and received certificates of appreciation from Captain **Bonneau** for their efforts.

Officer **Archie Nagao** is currently the Central Area Overtime Coordinator. As such, he monitors and calculates the fund of each area overtime bank. Archie's planning skills in this regard have allowed Central the necessary funds to impact a variety of crime problems. Although he is always busy trying to accommodate various inquiries from his peers, Central Personnel, he manages to remain cheerful and humorous and is very popular with all he encounters.

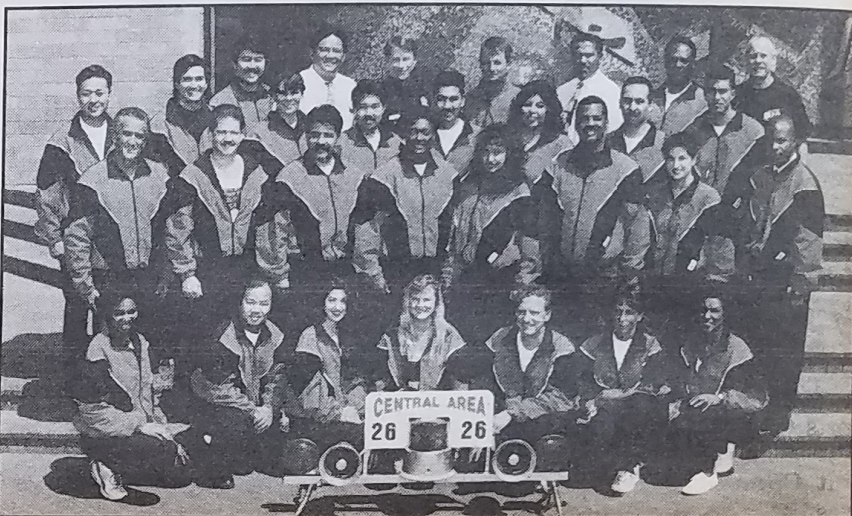
Retired Detective **David Grey** served as the Sexual Assault Investigator and Juvenile Detective for the past ten years. He was honored for his dedication, compassion and investigative skills that would merit commendations for others, but was routine for him.

Officer **Yolanda Echols**, a member of the Vice Unit for the past year, has been instrumental in making Central Vice a great place to work. Yolanda's pleasant personality, knowledge, investigative skills, and strong desire to do a good job has shown she is a dedicated officer who can always be counted on to be there when she is needed.

Sergeant **Ronald Waugh** is a personable individual who can assimilate into any assignment with relative ease. With Ron's excellent interpersonal skills he has been



Sgt. Alora Axworthy and Officers Benson Min and Tina Gethrall with retired Chief Gates.



1995 Central running team

able to assist any officer with any guidance or support needed. Ron is respected by all his peers and co-workers.

Officer **Marie Tafoya** is assigned to the Community Relations Office as the Crime Prevention Officer. She is responsible for a myriad of assignments and projects. Some of her responsibilities include orientation day, boosters, volunteer program, and various crime prevention meetings. Her responsibilities on these projects necessitates the use of a variety of skills ranging from planning, supervising, delegating, staff level writing, and managing finances.

Honorable mention goes to **Leticia Loreda** (acting secretary for Captain Smith) and **Tina Murillo** (Detective's Clerk Typist) for their exemplary work, ethics and positive attitude.

Attention Retirees

Reminder the Central Reunion is planned for September 30, at the Academy ballfield. The reunion will

commence at 1:00 P.M. with the BBQ starting at 4:00. Please make an effort to bring friends; any and all LAPD are welcome whether or not they ever worked Central.

We are contemplating having a tour of Central Area and the station prior to the reunion. I will update you in the near future of confirmed plans.

Dinner will cost \$15 per person. Should you wish to bring your spouse or significant other, the cost is \$25.

Any questions call Officer Marie Tafoya, CRO 485-6586.

Baby News

Congratulations! **Dennis** and **Cathy Moeller** on the birth of their daughter "Ryan Haden," January 15, 1995. **Ben** and **Kathy Black** on the birth of their son "Daylon Michael," April 7, 1995.

That should do it for now. See you next month!

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by Michael Albanese
Metropolitan Division

Baker to Vegas

Metro is celebrating its second place finish this year in the 11th annual Baker to Vegas relay. Their highly competitive team finished second in the 800 Division and fifth overall. Most remarkable about this year's team was their time of 13 hours and 58 minutes — three minutes behind LASD's SEB (LASD's counterpart to Metropolitan Division). What was even more impressive was that the team was 30+ minutes faster than last year. **Hector Feliciano** and **Rick Massa** spent a tremendous amount of time working with the team and coordinating all the logistical aspects that contributed to the success of this year's run. Additionally, **Pat Connelly**, DARE Division, was recruited by Massa and Feliciano to train and coach Metro's team which resulted in Metro's faster time for the Baker to Vegas relay. Pat spent many hours at the track with the team, and without his effort our successes would have been minimal. A special thanks to Pat Connelly for his time and willingness to work with Metro's team.

Bio Section

This past month one of the icons of Metropolitan Division retired, and it is appropriate that 20 B's career be re-capped in this month's "bio section." **Terry Segraves** retired after 26 years with the Department, 16 of those years he was assigned to Metropolitan Division's "B" platoon. Terry's career with the Department was full having worked a variety of Divisions that included Venice Patrol, AI, Venice Detectives, 77th Street Narcotics, Hollywood Patrol, Hollywood Vice and ultimately Metropolitan Division.

Terry was considered an exceptional sergeant by the men and women who worked for him throughout his career. Additionally he was admired and respected by his peers and management. Terry brought a tremendous amount of energy and a strong work ethic to all aspects of his job. He had critical roles in many notable Metro details which included the arrests and stake-outs of the "Night Stalker," "Hillside Strangler," "Trash Bag Murders," and the "Southside Slayer" in addition to the countless VIP and witness protection details, bank and convenience store stake-outs that are frequently assigned to Metropolitan Division. Moreover,

Terry was one of the principal instructors for the Department's "Unusual Occurrence" training, commonly referred to as "Camp Snoopy." Terry was responsible for training over 5,500 Los Angeles Police Officers and numerous officers from outside agencies which included officers from foreign countries.

However, Terry was affectionately known as "Coach" to many of us at Metro. Terry coached the Department's "Blue" softball team from 1980 to 1990 and garnered eight gold medals, three silver medals, and three bronze medals at the California Police Olympics and the International and World Fire and Police Olympics. His coaching efforts resulted with a win/loss record of 720 wins and only 90 losses.

Although not an avid runner, I remember Terry's support at the old "Death Valley" relay race (presently Baker to Vegas) in 1980 and 1981. He and Phil Mele were the familiar faces at start of the race at 0001 hours (however, Mele was in a deep "liquid sleep") and the Coach's advice was to just "run hard kid." We won the race that year.

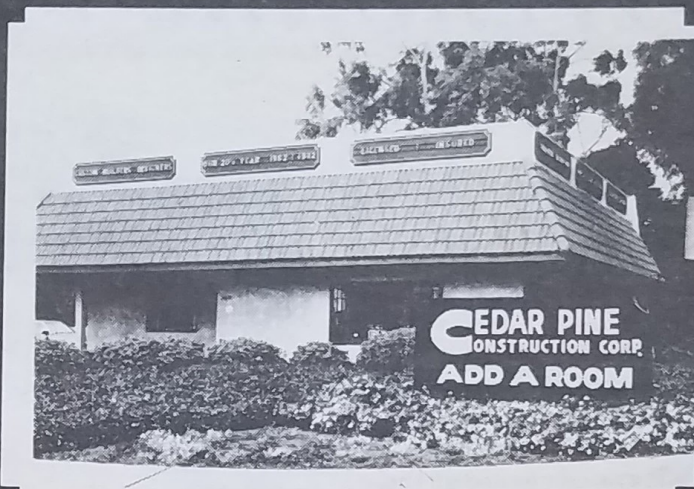
All of us at Metro wish the best of luck to Terry and his wife Linda, daughters Carie and Jennifer, and his son Doug. Terry plans to "coach" baseball at Chaminade High School in addition to working with retired Metro Sergeant Jerry Shaw. Good luck Terry, Metro will miss you!

Congratulations to the **Rubacava** family on the birth of Jamie Rubacava, Jr., both mother and baby are doing just great!

Officer **John Ayala** retired this past month after 20+ years on the Department. John worked 16 of his 20 years at Metropolitan Division spending a good deal of those 16 years in SWAT as an element leader. John was involved in numerous SWAT call-ups over the years that demanded courage and discipline. He retired quietly without any fanfare and all of his at Metro wish him the best of luck with his retirement plans.

In closing, former Metro Sergeant **J. T. Thomas** passed away at the age of 52 in Hamilton, Montana. J.T. was one of law enforcement's pioneers in the development of police K-9's and his involvement in undercover narcotics operations was unparalleled. J.T. will be missed, however, we can take comfort in knowing that he will be reunited with some former Metro cops and his old partner "Blackie" Sawyer.

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Rampage



by Manny Ortega
Rampart Division

120 Miles

On April 8, 1995, Rampart Division competed in the "Baker to Vegas" relay race. This was my first time to ever participate as a support team member. Little did I know what was to happen. **Charlie Flippo** asked me if I was interested in being a team captain for one of the running teams. I hesitated at first and told him I'd get back to him later (yeah, right!). I was approached by Captain **Salicos** who had asked if I was writing a piece on the race. Well guess what, I soon became a team captain.

All kidding aside, it was an experience which I would not soon forget. I arrived in Vegas on Friday and prepared for the following morning. I met with members of both running teams at "Palace Station" hotel at 0530 hours to pick up vans which had been cancelled because the vans were reserved for the day before. Old **Gus Villanueva** forked out his Visa and



Fish derby at Echo Park Lake.

ended up renting two vans and six vehicles. The race started at 1500 hours sharp. **George Rodriguez** pulled out of the crowd and was running at a great pace in the desert. He kind of reminded me of a scene from the movie "Chariots of Fire."

George passed the baton to **Mike Montoya** who did a great job passing numerous runners. Montoya ran in strong and handed the baton to **Mike Sequin** who took off like a bolt of lightning. While we were standing at leg four waiting for Mike to run in, we saw the van merge off the road. Standing in a bit of confusion, we were advised that Sequin had gone down. **Gone Down!** Once the numbness went away and reality set in, I ran to my transport vehicle and checked to see who our alternate was. To my surprise I discovered I was the only alternate there! After my eyeballs returned back into my sockets, I drove down to where Mike was lying, grabbed the baton,

and continued running the remainder of the leg which was all uphill at a heck of an incline.

I'm willing to admit that it was so hard that seconds after passing the baton to **Wilson**, I felt totally light-headed, was sweating profusely, and I could have sworn I saw vultures hovering over me. I tried to get a hold of **James Edwards** or Lt. **Stan Massey** who were other alternates I saw earlier in the day. I saw Massey driving one of the transportation vans traveling at a high rate of speed in the opposite direction. I attempted to flag him down, but all I saw was a smile from ear to ear with dice popping out of his eyes.

As for the rest of the runners such as **Bob Valdez**, **Marc Archuleta**, **Stephen Rubio**, **Dimitrius "Cowboy" Connor**, and **Mark Richardson**, they ran an outstanding pace. The only thing these guys needed were wings. Once I reached leg eleven, it was time for other members of the support team to finally take over my position. Nine of us packed our bodies in one passenger vehicle and traveled to Shoshone where we were able to adjust and travel in separate cars back to Vegas. In the Mixed Team category, we came in 15th place. All of our runners did an outstanding job in representing Rampart.

New Beginnings

Rampart wishes to extend a congratulations to Officers **Barbara Scallon** and **Robert Perez** on the deliveries of their baby girls. Barbara, wife to Steve, gave birth to Elizabeth Mary on April 24, 1995 at 8:03 P.M. and weighed 8 lbs. 4 oz., 21" long. Grace, wife to Robert, gave birth to Alicia Marie on March 23, 1995 at 1134 P.M. and weighed 7 lbs. 7 oz., 20-1/2" long. Enjoy your new angels!



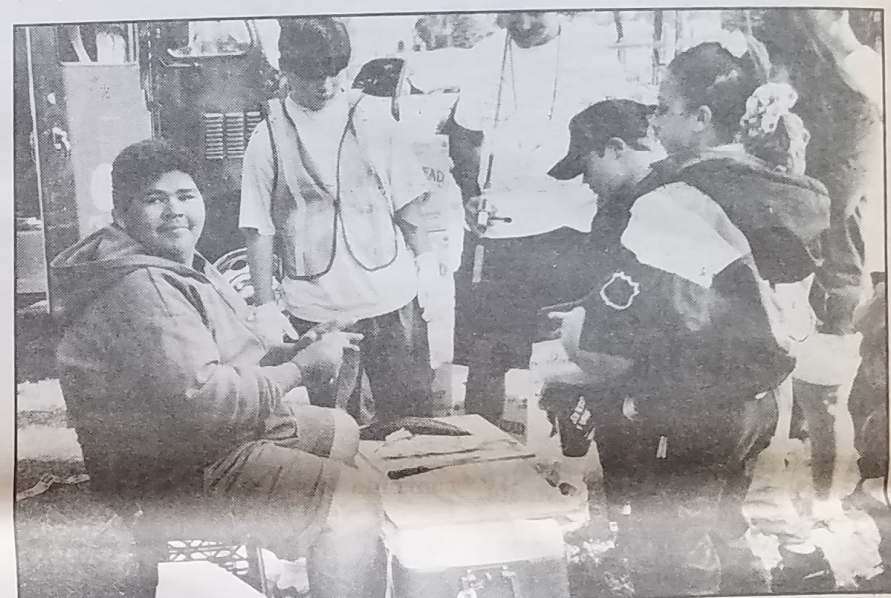
Kurt Wilson on the 4th leg of mixed team.

An Early Start

Rampart's Christmas Committee has already started on preparing for this year's Christmas celebration. It's to be held on December 9, 1995 at The Continental Plaza Hotel by LAX. They have great entertainment along with food and drinks scheduled for the event. They have already begun their first fund raiser



Chief Iron Eyes Cody displayed his support at derby.



Boy scouts at work at derby.

which drew a giant crowd due to their delicious talents. They had carne asada, beans, rice, spicy hot links, potato salad, and drinks all for only \$5. People were so impressed by the menu that they even had 30 orders from Parker Center. They will be hosting at least one fund raiser per D.P. so be on the lookout for their next event.

Hit and Run

It was a dark evening on the night of January 29, 1995 at around 2000 hours when Officer **Brian Liddy** was working 2U3. He was traveling eastbound Leeward at the 2800 block when an armored cujo-like mongrel ran into the street chasing another stray and t-boned into Liddy's black and white. The contact was so bad that it put a one inch deep by eight inch round dent on the right side wall. Officer Liddy in dismay, stepped out of his vehicle and observed the mongrel flee westbound Leeward until out of sight. Officer Liddy was unable to get a license number on the mutt since it had no tags. The only evidence left on the vehicle was dog smear mucous and feces. Officer Liddy, who stood in a bit of confusion, finally requested a supervisor at the scene after rounding up all of his witnesses. Sgt. **Moreland** responded and sought advice from the watch commander at Central Traffic Division. They advised that Officer Liddy's incident was unprecedented in LAPD history. It took the lieutenants, sergeants and

all on-duty traffic officers two hours to complete a C.P.I. traffic collision Class II. One never knows how this T.C. will come back. Avoidable or not, what do you think?

Fishing Derby

On April 15, 1995, Rampart conducted its 2nd annual "Becky Thatcher" fish derby at Echo Park lake which was coordinated by Community Relations Officer **Webster Wong**. The fish derby turned out to be a huge success due to Webster's efforts. He arranged to have 2,000 pounds of bass, trout, and catfish stocked into the lake. There were approximately 500 people who had a great time with the help of Fish and Game who provided the necessary fishing poles. There were political figures and celebrities such as Councilman Mike Hernandez, Mark Ridley Thomas, and Chief Iron Eyes Cody who were in attendance. There were numerous awards handed out for the biggest catch and other categories. Members of the Boy Scouts of America attended and were able to share some of their expertise on catching and cleaning fish. One of the goals set forth by this event was to provide the community with an event which would unify and instill pride in the residents and to improve the quality of life. Special thanks to all of the Rampart volunteers, Council members, Neighborhood Watch groups, private

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Van Nuys Patrol

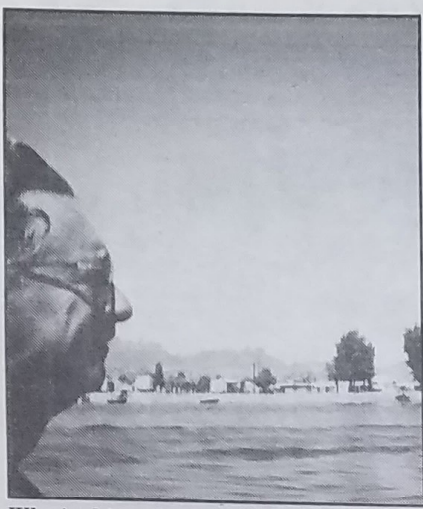
by Jason Berg

Van Nuys Finishes in top 20 in the Mixed Division at Baker to Vegas

Baker to Vegas '95 has passed and Van Nuys Division finishes 18th and receives its second victory cup in a row. **Mel Arnold**, the coach of the running team again did an excellent job in planning for the run. On behalf of everyone involved with the run we appreciate all your time and effort, Mel. We are looking forward to your efforts next year and we hope that your threats that this was your last year as coach were only threats. Again, thanks, Mel.

Van Nuys also has another coach that has been dedicated to Van Nuys sports for many many years. His name is **Joe Brazas**. Joe has religiously put together a baseball team for the department's league for over 10 years. This will probably be Joe's last year because he will be retiring soon after his retirement home is completed later this year. Joe thanks for all your time and effort. Van Nuys is doing very well this season and in next month's issue I will have the season's results.

Two months ago I asked for the people at Van Nuys to let me know of any commendable copper capers so I could use them in our monthly article. This month Sgt. **Dave Twitch** **Twitchehl** told me about the following incident. Officers **Linda Gotham**, **Kim Peterson** and **Ron Carter** supervised by Sgts. **Mark Day** and **Steve Moody** responded to a suicide call, man on the roof threatening to jump. The group of officers and sergeants along with the L.A. City Fire Department successfully saved this man's life. However, there were several things that transpired before this was accomplished. The fire department had enough time to inflate the bag to catch any falling objects. So those of you that saw the movie Lethal Weapon know that someone had to suggest handcuffing themselves to the jumper and falling onto the air bag. Yes movies do have an impact on police work. To go along with this movie theme the entire incident was video taped by a citizen and documented for review. It should be noted that the swarm technique was employed prior to the hostage negotiating team's arrival and the suicidal vic-



Who is this retired officer?

tim was saved. Once again all the officers involved should be commended for a job well done. To the readers at Van Nuys, if any of this story is incorrect or anyone was left out, sorry. In the future, write down the incident or give me the reports so I can put all the names of our Van Nuys stars in the Blue Line.

This is only the third article written in the Blue Line in many years. I would like to take this time to acknowledge a few people that have been working at Van Nuys Division for many years. The following people are still working in the field and combined have probably trained many of us: **Steve Hostetler** who will be celebrating his 27th anniversary this year, **Tom Bibbs** who already has 27 years, and finally **Bob Denton** who was one of Captain **Eide's** training officers at West L.A. in the '70s. In future articles I continue to acknowledge others in the Van Nuys family that have dedicated their careers to serving the citizens of L.A.

Back in April this country experienced a terrible act of terrorism in Oklahoma City. For those of you reading this article that know **Bruce "Smiley" Bass** and **Dave Balleweg** who retired from this department, both live outside Oklahoma City. I spoke with Smiley in May and he said that the devastation was beyond anyone's imagination. Smiley, Dave and their families are doing well and all are enjoying retirement.

In closing, I would like to say goodbye and good luck to **Ron Bates** who retired back in April. Your presence will be missed in the Van Nuys kitroom.

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Rampage

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organizations, and finally the L.A. Department of Recreation and Parks for supporting this outstanding event.

"The Yard" - Rampart's New Weight Room

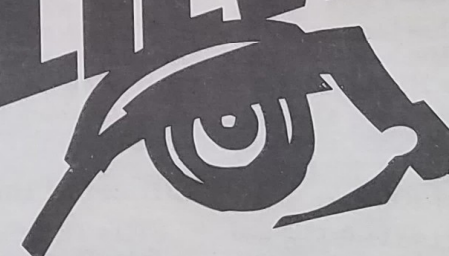
Rampart's new weight room, The Yard, will be finished in June. Over \$4,000 was collected from Rampart personnel. So far custom shirts were given to each person who donated and their names were perma-

nently printed on the wall. The weight room was repainted, carpeted and the mirrors were trimmed with wood. The entire room was rubber matted and a speed bag platform, treadmill, and stepper was purchased. Over \$10,000 worth of new equipment has been ordered including cable x-overs, Smith machine, power rack, incline leg press and olympic weights.

Rampart is known as "pound for pound the strongest division in the city." Now we will have the weight room fitting of that image.

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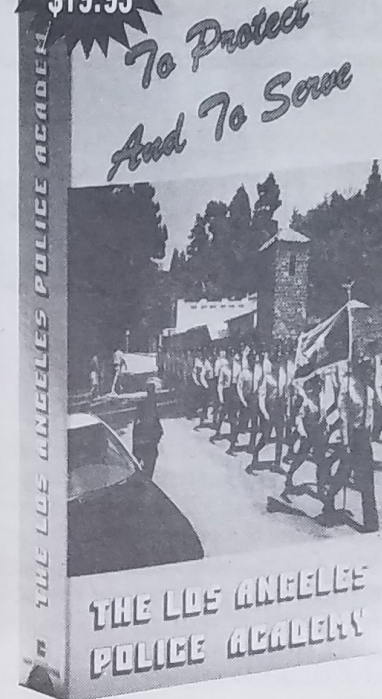
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DIVISIONAL REPORTER



Traffic Talk

by Roy Langheld
South Traffic Division

The rainy season appears to be just about over for '95. The weather is warming up and the BCMC's are switching their rain gear for sweat gear in preparation for another hot summer. Brain buckets and motor-boats turn into ovens on hot days. Sweat plasters down the beautiful hair on those good looking motor cops. Rumor control has it that the heat affects the efficiency of those brilliant motor cop brains! NO WAY! NOT! Motor officers only get better in sweltering heat. (Eat your hearts out you non-motor cops.)

New Arrivals

STD gained several new people on the recent transfers. Our new "L" "T" is **Anita Ortega** and our new C.I. Sgt. is **Tina Nieto**. Four new C.I. cops are **Brian Brown**, **Martha Dominguez**, **Dave Reiman**, and **Wilfred Luke**. Two new BCMC's are **Jay Hernandez** and **Gary Curren**. These people decided to join the ranks of the elite in STD. Welcome aboard folks.

Departures

Sadly we lost one of our favorite motor sergeants to WTD. **Mike Marsolek** left us and never looked back. Heck, he didn't even take his stuff with him. STD is having an auction to sell off Marsolek's abandoned goods. If you are interested, contact **Milt O'Dell**. Milt says everything Marsolek had appeared to be Salvation Army rejects and he will sell the stuff dirt cheap.

STD's Infirmary

Wayne Wall has been under the weather lately. His heart has been acting up. **Mike Hillhouse** got "t-boned" in his prowl car by a red light violator. He got bruised up pretty badly and is still off IOD. **Brad Baird** is still off IOD with a bad back. Give these guys a call and cheer them up. STD's own politician, U.S. Taylor, developed a large pimple on his wrist and is going off IOD for pimple surgery. IF you listen to him, you'd think it was open heart surgery. Hey U.S., I think you'll survive this surgery, relax.

Compassionate STD Copper

Connie White investigated an unusual wreck recently involving a 5-year-old girl. This little tyke wasn't expected to live through her ordeal. Connie was touched by this tragedy and began visiting the severely injured youngster. Connie began a collection for the little lady and even got Sears to donate her a bicycle and helmet. Some Southeast officers learned of the tragedy and started a collection also. The little girl has improved rapidly but is still facing eye surgery. You hear a lot about the mean spirited L.A. cops but how much do you hear about compassion such as this? These officers did this out of the goodness in their hearts. Connie, I would like to congratulate you, the STD officers who helped you, and the Southeast officers who extended a helping hand without expecting any reward or acknowledgement. Officers such as these are what makes me love LAPD. Phooey on the negative media. You guys (you know who you are) represent the finest L.A. has to offer.

Deuce Watch

STD started up a deuce watch again after we finally received enough new motor officers from the recent schools. The watch leader is the venerable Sgt. **Bill Walker** and the team captain is "Mr. Motor Cop," **Bobby Casteel**.

Golf News

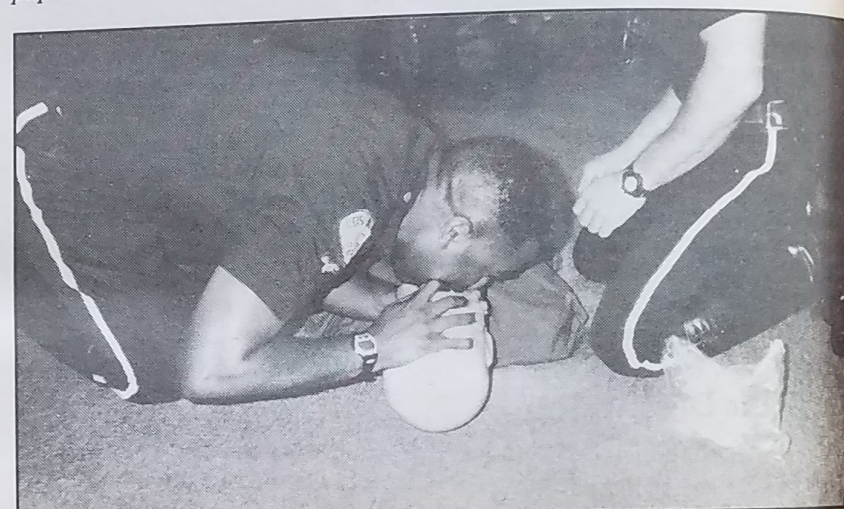
STD is continuing to host monthly golf get-togethers. The last game was held at Diamond Bar. **Efren Acosta** received the low score, **Rob Benedict** closest to the pin, and yours truly had the high score (again).

Officer of the Quarter

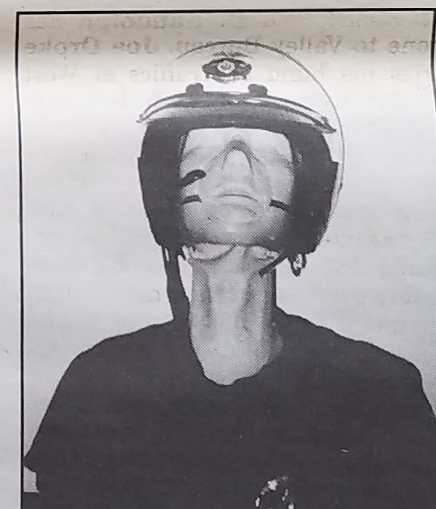
STD's TE Officer of the Quarter is **John Pittman**. John has almost 26 years of service and he continues to do an outstanding job on a daily basis. The CI Officer of the Quarter is **Bob Cortez**. Bob is a professional officer whose investigations are of the highest quality. His work



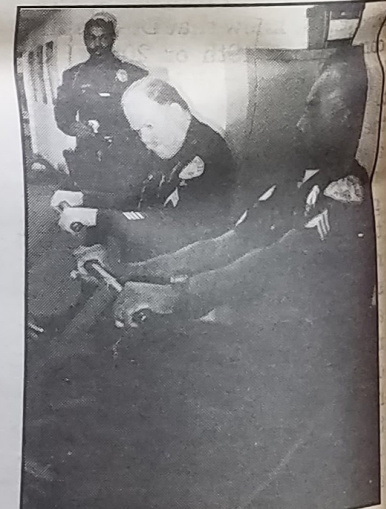
CPR teachers, Monique and Billy Marie from Airport Urgent Care, with their brilliant pupils.



BCMC Jerome Calhoun kissing CPR dummy.



Motor Cop CPR Dummy. IQ=motor cop genius.



Sgt. Walker (ctr) races Sgt. Irvin (right) on their stationary bikes while Ron Mosley (top) officiates.

always stands out. John and Bob both are always cheerful and are the ultimate in their respective fields. Congratulations guys, you deserve it.

Rumor Mill

Rumor has it that Sgt. **Dan Jimenez** toppled over onto his back while trying to climb the small step up to the roll call podium recently. My spies tell me that Danny was foundering on his back like a sea turtle stranded upside down. The CI cops and the motor cops were all laughing so hard, no one had the strength to set poor Dan upright

again. At any rate, Dan's mighty struggles finally paid off and he regained his feet. Reportedly Dan was heard to exclaim, "Gee whiz, this job is almost as exciting as DARE!"

BCMC **Van Johnson** told this reporter that **Jerome Calhoun** fell in love with the motor cop CPR dummy during our CPR training. Van produced photographic proof of Jerome kissing the CPR dummy. Don't believe it? Then check out the photos accompanying this article.

Keep it rubber side up and be safe!

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Devonshire Details

by Kathy Bennett
Devonshire Division

A big howdy from the northwest side of the valley! Another month has gone by and we are all still working hard. While we work hard we also build up a big appetite. But as of late, there has been plenty of food around. It started off with PM Watch being treated to a BBQ provided by PM Watch Commander Lt. **Jim Cansler** and AWC Sgt. **Jill Niles**. The BBQ was a reward for PM Watch for getting response time down. We all had a good time chowing down on beef tri-tip, salad, beans, corn and soda. It was an especially nice break in everyday hectic life.

But that wasn't the only celebration going on. Devonshire had its annual Cinco de Mayo Fiesta on May 4th. (We knew we were going to be too busy to eat on the 5th, and we were.) Once again there was the beef tri-tip (and no, it wasn't left over from the previous BBQ) and rice and beans, salad and sodas. This meal wasn't free, but was well worth the cost as we all got a good meal and a chance to sit around and chat with out coworkers before "meeting the public." Everyone involved in putting on the feast deserves a big thank you, and a pat on the back for a job well done.

Devonshire Does Well in Baker to Vegas

Okay I have to confess, running is not my thing. That will explain why I can't go into too much detail regarding the recent Baker to Vegas race. However, I do know that Devonshire came in either 19th or 20th. I do know that the team did well enough to win a mug, which was the goal of the team captain, Sgt. **John Cook**. I also know that one of our officers missed his start time (locker room gossip didn't provide the reason for the officer's absence). I don't want roll over on the officer, but the Shakespeare line "Romeo, Romeo, wherefore art thou, Romeo" was probably being muttered by some of the other Devonshire runners. Nonetheless, my hat goes off to all the participants in the race. Better you than me or you wouldn't have that mug. Great job by all involved!

Running is Not Always Good For You

Just ask Crash Officer **Bobbie Matzoll**. She is laid up for about eight weeks with a broken foot after going in foot pursuit (which is also known as *running*) after a GTA suspect who bailed out of the stolen ride. The suspect was caught and went to jail, and Bobbie went to the hospital. The moral of the story is that running

is not always good for you, but sometimes necessary to put the bad guy away. Hurry up and get well Bobbie!

Welcome Aboard

We have a few new faces around here. A big welcome to Sgt. **B. Gutierrez** who comes to us from Hollywood Detectives, and Det. **S. Stanley** who was a P-3 at Northeast and wound up here as a detective. P-3 **E. Orton** makes the move across the valley coming from North Hollywood, and Sgt. **F. McConnell** moved north from West Valley. Our new P-1's include **A. Barkman**, **M. Gaytan**, **A. Zarekani**, **A. Levey**, **M. Padilla**, and **E. Villasenor**. The reserve unit has been boosted by the addition of **G. Lipp** from Hollywood, **W. Schneider** from West L.A., **G. Thorpe** from Van Nuys, and **B. Tobin** from Hollywood. PSR **P. Payton** joins us from Communications and Senior Clerk Typist **A. Selva** makes the move from Valley Traffic Division. Welcome everyone!

Happy Trails to You

Bobby Leon made detective and has moved to Rampart, while Lt. **Dan Hoffman** has been promoted to Lt. 2 and moves to Valley Bureau (he's been on loan to VB for several months, and I warned you we'd never see him again!). Sgt. **Ralph Krusey** has gone to Foothill, while Sgt. **John Cook** has moved back to the south end going to Southwest. Detective **S. Lefler** has gone to IAS, while **Ann Stasik** has gone to Narcotics Group. **Dennis Noone** and **Anthony Verret** will spend their days by the beach at Pacific, and **D. Randolph** has gone to Valley Bureau. **Joe Droke** tries his hand at Traffic at West Traffic Division, and **Debbie Gourman** moves closer to home by working at Northeast. **A. Angeles** leaves our jeopardy program to go to Planning and Research Division and Management Aid **Karen Frick** promoted and went to Hollywood. Good luck to everyone in their new assignments.

Employee of the Month

Devonshire's Employees of the Month for February are Officers **Kathy Ryan** and **Kathy Bennett**. Sometimes we are called Cagney and Lacey, double trouble, — magnets, the K-Car, and most often "the Kathys." In any case, we work hard and sometimes stumble into stuff that turns out well. Not to take away from my partner who is very smart and makes us both look good.

Personally Speaking

We're kinda dull this month . . . no babies or marriages to report.

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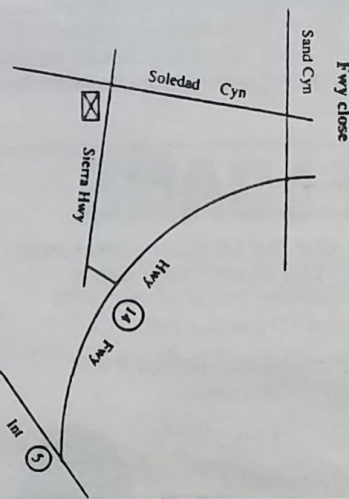
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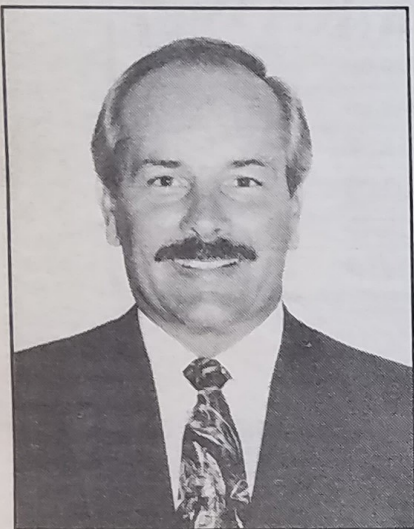
DIVISIONAL REPORTER



THE LUCKY 13

by Officer Gail F. Ryan
Newton Division

On June 23, 1995, a retirement party will be held at the Police Academy for a long time Newton officer. D-3 **Dennis Scherr** will be retiring



D3 Dennis Scherr

after 25 years of service, with having spent 21 of them at Newton Division. He came up through the ranks, first working patrol, then vice, and finally detectives. In charge of the Robbery Table, Dennis, a hard worker, has never given up his love for the streets. Even within months of his retirement, Dennis has foiled, on three separate occasions, robberies in progress in Newton Division. One of them, a liquor store holdup, was even captured on film. The suspects had tried to destroy the film, but Dennis managed to recover it intact. In another case, he observed three suspects following a lone female in a small shopping mall. As they snatched her purse, Dennis moved in, arrested them, recovered the victim's purse, and all without incident. In addition to these two robberies, Det. Scherr responded to a residential robbery in progress call on Vernon Avenue and after a short foot pursuit arrested an armed robber also without incident. Congratulations to you, Dennis, on a job well done, a fine career and hopefully a happy retirement. You'll be missed.

On April 17th, Officers **R. Vidal** and **D. Anderson** were flagged down at King Boulevard and San Pedro Street by the mother of two young girls who had just been sexually molested. The mother directed

the officers to the suspect who was driving a Snap-on Tool panel van. The officers apprehended the suspect, and after questioning him, learned that he had lured the two young victims (ages 3 and 4) into his van by offering them candy. And, once inside the van, he had sexually molested them. Newton Juvenile Detectives **L. Menges** and **M. Bolanos** were called in to assist in the investigation. The officers were able to elicit enough information from the young victims to obtain a filing for two counts of lewd acts with a child under 14 years of age against the suspect. Good job, officers.

On April 7, 8 and 9th, Newton Division runners participated in the annual "Baker to Vegas" race. Finishing 11th overall in the mixed category, they were honored at a barbecue on Sunday the 9th, in the parking lot of Circus Circus. Former Newton officer **Pete Fox**, now of Bakersfield P.D., came all the way with his Barbecue on Wheels to do the cooking. At one time there were over 100+ eating ribs and chicken. Everyone had a great time and are looking forward to being there next year, along with P2 **Diana Albero** who married Officer **Ray Morales** of Rampart Detectives that weekend in Vegas. Congratulations to you both.

On April 20th, Newton Station Fund hosted another barbecue. This one was held in the station's parking lot and was to help raise funds for charity, "The March of Dimes." It proved quite successful, as everyone loves a Newton barbecue.

AM Watch officers P3 **Joseph Montes** and P3 **Terry Fathauer**, on Friday, April 28th, got into a friendly discussion on who was the better boxer. The discussion ended at



"AAA" 25 yr. Grand Master Award. D1 Dan Jones, D3 Dennis Scherr, P2 Gail Ryan, P3 Gil Lavorin, not shown P2 Vern Williams.



1995 The "Women of Newton" Division at Baker to Vegas, Theresa Coyle, Letia Eston, Rosa Martin, Kerri Potter, Gloria Wood, Maria Rivas, Gail Ryan, Peggy Liber knight, Cheryl Nalls, Cece Komathy, Sandra Rosas.

the end of watch with them putting on gloves and protective gear and entering the ring at the Olympic Auditorium with the rest of morning watch looking on. At the end of round one, Montes was winning, and Fathauer had a bloody nose. However, in round two, Fathauer, not wanting to go down, came out fighting, to take the round and match, and the fight was called. No rematch is scheduled at this time. Boys will be boys.

It's baseball season again!!! And even though coach Sgt. **Terry Barclay** has been sick, Newton's Slo-Pitch team is 5-0. We are trying hard to win the much coveted "Red Davis" award this year. The award is named after the late Newton Sgt. "Red" Davis, who did his 30+ year career all in Newton Division. Our scores so far have been 13-10 against DSD; 7-2 against Rampart; 27-1 against Northeast; 7-1 against Southwest; and 25-11 against 77th on May 2nd. Keep up the good games guys.

Congratulations to Lt. 2 **James Voge**, commanding officer of Newton Detectives. He was selected to attend the FBI Academy, class 181-3, in Quantico, Virginia, from mid-April to the end of June.

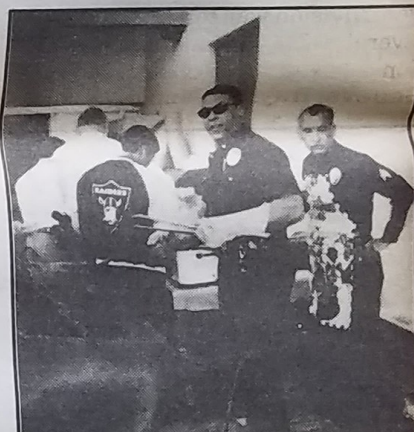
Congratulations to Det. 1 **Mateo (Pete) Diaz** on being selected Newton Area Detective of the Quarter for the first quarter of 1995.

And to P3 **Allan Seeget**, of patrol, who was named Newton Street Area Officer of the Month for March 1995, congratulations also.

On Tuesday, May 2nd, Newton Patrol Officers P3 **Gerald Ballesteros**, P3 **Ray Mendoza**, and P2 **Gail Ryan** (Johnson) were honored at the Protective League's monthly delegates meeting. P3 Ray Mendoza and P3 Gerald Ballesteros

were presented with plaques for being the winners of the League's 1994 Top Cop Commendable Caper's Award. The article, submitted by Officer Ryan, was about the gang shooting Mendoza and Ballesteros were involved in in the fall of 1993, their injuries, and their winning the 1994 National "Top Cop" award in Washington, D.C. in October 1994, as a result of it.

P2 Gail Ryan received an award for all her contributions to the "Blue Line" for 1994, as Newton's Divisional Reporter.



Sgt. F. Mena & Ofc. K. Brooks cooking for "March of Dimes".

And finally on Wednesday, May 3rd, 117 Newton officers received Safe Driving Awards from "AAA" Club for 5, 10, 15, and 20 years of safe driving while patrolling the streets of L.A. In addition to the 117 awards, five Newton officers were presented with "AAA's" Grand Masters Award for over 25 years of continuous safe driving. They were: P3 **Gilbert Lavorin**, 12546, P2 **Vern Williams**, 12823, P2 **Gail Ryan**, 13322, D1 **Danny Jones**, 14135, and D3 **Dennis Scherr**, 15936. Congratulations to all. *

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Down South (WEST, THAT IS)

by Freddy Arroyo
Southwest Division

It's with great pleasure that I now assume the task of writing the Southwest Divisional reports. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank and congratulate **Dave Rosenberg** for all the hard work he had previously done. Dave says he's promoting and that it's time to pass the baton. I just promise to be punctual.

Due to an unexpected promotion by the trendy Sgt. **Matsumoto**, and his subsequent transfer to Rampart, it has been decided by Southwest personnel to cancel the Southwest drill team. Now, on a more serious note... **Carl McGill** is looking for any officers that are seriously interested in playing chess. He plans on forming a chess club and setting up some tournaments.

Congratulations are extended to the latest newlyweds at Southwest Station. Officer **Reggie Paige** finally said the famous words and began a new life with his wife, Debbie. The wedding took place on April 15, 1995 (easy date for Reggie to remember) in Claremont, California. Best wishes to both.

Promotions

Due to the recent boundary changes throughout the city, Southwest Division was fortunate to have several SLO openings. Congratulations go out to **Robert Harrell**, **Geneva Haynes**, and **Ray Mar-**

quez (HOBK) for their recent promotions as senior lead officers. Congratulations also go out to **David Garrido** (SOE) for his promotion to P-3 and to Sgt. **David Young** for his promotion to Sergeant II.

Comings and Goings

In recent weeks, Southwest Division has experienced many personnel changes. We bid farewell to Sgt. **Pettway** (HWD), Sgt. **Matsumoto** (RAMP), Det. **Appleby** (RHD), Det. **Jackson** (CTD), Officers **K. Scott** (CTD), **H. Fanfassiaan** (HWD), **J. Morales** (HOBK), **D. Hogan** (PAC), **R. Agnew** (CTD), **R. Pedroza** (NE), **A. Covarrubias** (VTD), **T. Paul** (WIL), **L. Vanness** (CENT), **W. Luke** (STD), and to **George "Why aren't you in court" McMaryion** (JUV).

Southwest Division is pleased to welcome Sgt. **Beach** (RAMP), Sgt. **Cook** (DEV), Sgt. **Lee** (VNYS), Det. **Morales** (NE), Det. **Render** (HOBK), Det. **Parker** (NG), Det. **Barnes** (CTD), Det. **Jang** (JUV), Officers **D. Garrido** (SOE), **V. Palazzolo** (ECCCS), **T. Rogers** (JUV), **T. Lewis** (SOE), **R. Marquez** (HOBK), **R. Chavez** (NEWT), **E. Holder** (NG), **M. Espinoza** (HOBK), **J. Hill** (NE), **S. Shindo** (HWD), **S. Sutherland** (VNYS), and **S. Horton** (PAC).

The Southwest family extends their deepest sympathy to Officer **Money Scott**, his wife Sheila and their entire family for the recent loss of their daughter.

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Officer Rep Corner

by Sergeant William A.
Scheideker

The System Works

A few days ago Det. **Eddie Camarillo**, Sgt. **Dennis Pelch** and myself defended three officers, at a Board of Rights, where they were charged with making an *improper*(???) arrest and damaging some property. This arrest culminated during a preliminary investigation of a drive-by shooting in which two victims were critically injured in a gang-infested housing project. The officers received booking approval from their watch commander.

Subsequent to the adjudication of this complaint, two of the involved officers had transferred to other divisions. When it came time to adjudicate the complaint you had three Captain I's, a Captain III and a Commander who all said that the allegations were exonerated and the incident was a training issue.

However, the complaint was military endorsed at Bureau and reclassified as *sustained*. Two of the officers were recommended for five days suspension and one was recommended for two days suspension. Despite this military endorsement, the above Captains and Commander had the fortitude to stand their ground and they indicated in their correspondence

that this was a TRAINING ISSUE ONLY and that there was NO MISCONDUCT.

The Chief decided in favor of Bureau and these officers had no other choice but to exercise their rights, under Charter 202, and they opted for a Board of Rights. Each picked their own Board and we went with the best of the three and combined all three officers.

The Board heard all of the evidence and each officer was given the opportunity to tell their side of the incident. It was clearly evident to the Board that these officers acted in good faith and that the arrest was legal and proper, as was the minor damage to property. They found all officers NOT GUILTY of the charge or charges against them.

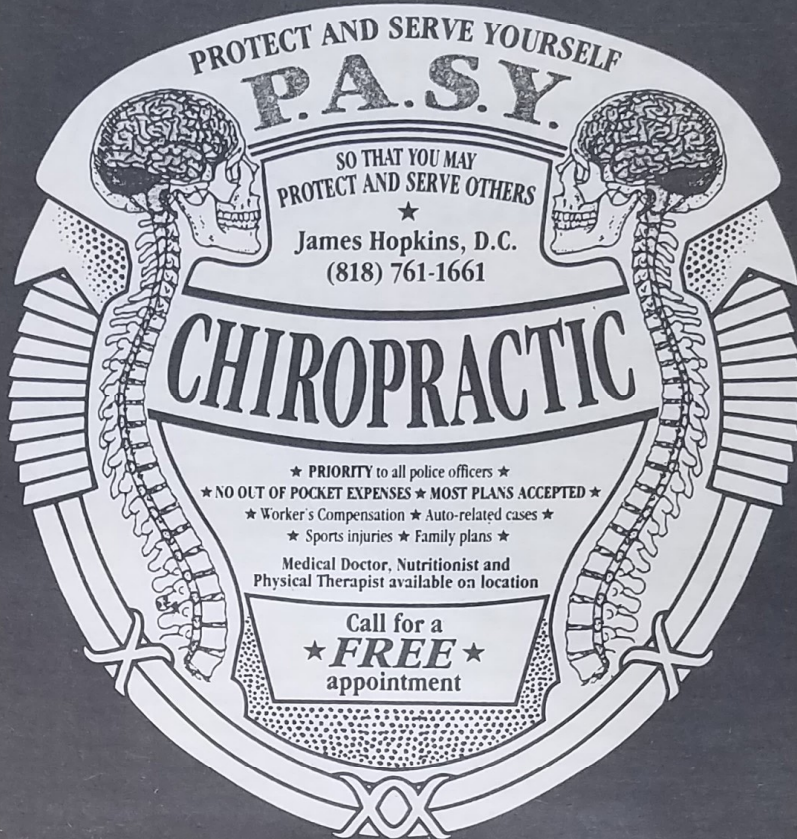
I wanted to pass this case on to the membership because there is a belief that the system is stacked against them and that Boards are nothing more than "kangaroo courts." Yes, there are "horror stories" and the system is not perfect. But in this case, as in many others that I've handled, the system did work.

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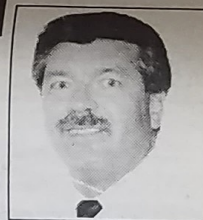
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News From Way Out West BIG "10"

by Don Goossens
West Valley Division

Gooooood Morning From West Valley!!

The last two months I have been away at FES Valley Narcotics Group, so I have been trying to catch up on what has been happening. I do want to say goodbye to the most hard working bunch of professionals that I have seen so far. The guys at FES were great at teaching me many tricks to put in my patrol officer's grab bag. Again thanks to D-3 **Charlie Manzo**, Det. **Jim Miller**, Det. **Warren Sult**, Det. **Ron Waters** and most of all to Det. **Mike Sullivan** who put up with a lot of my dumb questions and mistakes without shooting me in the butt during the search warrants they let me participate in. Also thanks to the rest of FES and Buy/Bust for letting me play too.

And now . . . off to the show . . .

First let us say goodbye to the following West Vallians that are departing for further adventures in LAPD land. Sgt. **Angela Chu** is off to West L.A. Det. **Anthony Finchen** is leaving us for Newton Division Detectives. Det. **William Krulac** is transferred out to North Hollywood detectives. Sgt. **Louis Maldonado** is en route to 77th Street Station. The lovely **Yvette Bass** is off to join DARE; she will be missed! **Richard** "I need a greenie" **Moberg** is through with probation and is outbound to Foothill. **James Eicher** is leaving us for the new and improved Foothill. **George Iverson** is going to DHD. **Richard Murray** is leaving for Hollywood Station. **Teddy** "I like the Juvenile desk, really!!" **Gonzales** is en route to Rampart. **Ronald Traynor** is going to work with my classmate **Chris Booker** over at OVB. **Kim Landry**, **Chris Ian** and **Troy Williams** are all en route to VTD. **Todd Bilbo** is going to West Traffic. A lot of good police talent and good friends are leaving us. Like the POW's saying goes, "gone but not forgotten!" Good luck to you all.

The good news is that we have a lot of talent coming in. Let's take a look. We have a return, Det. **Nancy Severns** is back from Wilshire and also from Wilshire Detectives is Det. **Sang Han**. Det. **Wayne Blandin** is in from West Bureau. Det. **Raul Larivia** is joining us from Foothill. Also in we have Det. **Jon Anderson** from Wilshire. I have a question here, are there any more people left working Wilshire? **Maureen Correa** is in from Tinsel Station (Hollywood).

We have Sgt. **Cynthia Brounsten** in from Hollywood. Sgt. **Stephen Moore** is joining us from Central Division. Sgt. **George Wright** coming to us from Van Nuys. Sgt. **Robert Kirk** is coming in from Foothill. Sgt. **II John Staugaard** is working Vice after a stint in personnel at Officers Representatives Unit.

On to the workhorses of the West Valley Station, our incoming P-2 dogs . . . We have **Mark Didion** in from Newton. **Linwood Howe** is in from North Hollywood. **James Kuklok** is en route from Foothill Station. **John Organ** is in from Central Station. **Amy Popma** is here from South Traffic. Speaking of traffic, we have **Laszlo Sandor** from Central Traffic and **Michael Zaboski** from West Traffic division both joining us.

Now for our future victims . . . I mean future fine police officers. We have five new P-1's to play with: **Michael Stevens**, **Gerald Ward**, **Matthew Fryer**, **Irvin Myles** and also **Rudolph Valadez**. Welcome to THE FINEST STATION in the LAPD and I apologize in advance for any future dirty deeds that my fellow P-2's and I are going to pull on you.

Now on to some news . . .

Det. **Mary Hones** has some rabbits that made scientific history by being the first male rabbits to produce little bunnies. Det. **Hones'** only response was, "I could have sworn they were males!" **Bob Humphries** tazed the kitroom guy up at Devonshire Station one night. When asked for a statement, Bob's only comment was, "Goose, let me demonstrate it for you or better yet ON you!!" Touchy people up there at

Devonshire. Just call Bob MR. Sparky.

I observed something really weird in our detectives room the other day. I went to sit down at an empty desk and was surprised to find the chair CHAINED (???) to Det. **Mike Lewin's** desk. I was wondering if maybe Det. Lewin has been working the Burglary desk for just a little too long. Det. **Mel Heisel** went to Australia for a bowling tournament and did very well. Rumor has it he tried to sneak back a kangaroo in his bowling bag. Might have worked if the bag wouldn't have kept jumping off the conveyor belt at the airport.

Now for a couple of "really bitchin copper capers!" . . .

It seems Officer **James Heitz** and Officer **Michael Sterling** were asleep in their police car. I mean they were conducting vehicular foot beat patrol in a stationary mode at the Topanga Canyon Mall when they were advised of a couple of suspects who started out as 484 suspects and now were 211 suspects after beating up two of the security officers employed at The Broadway. The Dynamic Duo swung into action. They took an excellent report and made a full investigation which turned up security tapes of the incident, and a purse dropped by the female suspect. Lo and behold the ID in the purse returned to a female that **Sterling** and **Heitz** had just arrested a week earlier. They made further computer checks and found a possible address where these two were possibly staying. They staked on the location and eventually decided to use fresh pursuit as PC to boot the door. They went inside and they discovered both suspects hiding in the location and placed them in custody. The male suspect was described as having a thick bushy mustache, but this suspect had just shaved his mustache off while waiting for the police to boot down the door. No problem, being the highly dedicated officer he is, Officer **Sterling** merely shaved his mustache off and glued it on the suspect, (the male, people, not the female). Both suspects were I.D'd and were booked 211PC. Oh yes, one thing, Mike, next time don't use Superglue on the mustache.

It was a really bitchin caper though. Whoever says we are a dispirited department needs to read the arrest report on this arrest. Great job, Mike and Jim!!

Here is a really bitchin caper! Officer **Shannon Paulson** and her partner Officer **Joe Perez** were out and about when they observed a speeder. GREENIE TIME!! And away went Shannon. They conducted the traffic stop and got all the necessary info and started to write a greenie. Well, the computer came back with a suspended license for Mr. **Speedy Gonzales**. He suddenly took off with Shannon in hot pursuit. This guy was boxed in two times and once, when he realized he was boxed in, rammed the police car in his efforts to get away. One of those times the suspect acted as if he was giving up, then when Shannon got out to engage the suspect he threw his car into reverse and attempted to run

Shannon down but instead caused her to be pinned against her driver door and the body of her vehicle. She was injured on her right leg only but it was a serious injury. She STILL continued to go after him and eventually he T/A'd and was taken into custody. He had tossed out a gun during the pursuit. Officer **Perez** gave the location. It was recovered. This is a really bitchin caper because of the tenacity that Shannon showed, which comes as no surprise to those of us who know her and have seen her in action. Officer **Perez** is also to be commended for remaining calm during the incident, and providing support to Shannon during those critical times when she needed him most. There is a saying that this reminds me of, "In the eyes of adversity we prevail, and hold back those would tread on us as if we are nothing." (Winston Churchill, 1944, two days after D-Day.) The papers may say we are scum and not worth the effort of spitting on us, but I for one say that this caper is indicative of actions that only people such as Shannon and Joe are capable of. We don't need society to say we are great, it is appreciated, but not necessary. We need only for fellow bluesuiters to say, "bitchin caper!" Well, I am saying it.

Finally, there was a recent incident that happened at West Valley. It seems our Work Release workers were given the task of painting nice straight lines in our parking lot so our highly skilled drivers (relax **Wilbur**, I didn't mean you) can see just how badly they can park. Well here comes Det. **Fred "Picasso" Duitsman** walking through the fresh wet paint and on into the station, trailing nice neat little white footprints all over the place. He was confronted about this and claimed innocence until he was shown the paint on his shoes then he stated that he was only showing the correct path through the station for the officers who may get lost. We all praised his initiative, those of us who believed him, which is to say none. Then he said he only did it because the Work Release folks had put up traffic cones directing him into the paint. Again we tried desperately to believe him but couldn't with good conscience. We looked for a leader to decide what to do here. Lt. **Rock** was still hiding in his office after unsuccessfully denying he owes two dozen donuts for working on his birthday. So he was out. Then it was decided to fine Det. **Duitsman** the donut fine. This was vehemently refused by other detectives who stated that the last donuts brought in by Det. **Duitsman** were still being used as hockey pucks at the Forum. Finally in a huff it was decided to let it slide by chalking it up to age. Funny thing is an hour later we all were wondering who was going to clean up all the paint. We looked back inside and observed our janitor **Siftowitz** studiously scraping the paint off the floor as he glared down the hall at the detectives room. I wonder if Det. **Duitsman** offered him donuts. I guess I will wait until it is all cleaned up before telling **Siftowitz** about the hockey pucks thing.

This is the Goose, and I'm clear..

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Hollywood Happenings

by Kenneth M. Beck
Hollywood Division

If you have ever had the opportunity to work in our division, you may be aware that there are a number of fantastic places to get some C-7. Officers are always looking for different places to partake establishment's board of fare. Alex Penrich, J. T. Alpaugh and John Collyer decided to have dinner at Spago's one shift. Hearing that they take good care of officers there, the officers were really looking forward to a fine meal. A welcome break from fast food and eating on the go. After a relaxing time with appetizers, polite service, nice ambience and a well cooked dinner, the check arrives — \$120 for the three of them. This was all well and good until they found out that they were a bit short of the mark. Luckily there was enough dishes for them to wash to cover the check. So much for dishpan hands.

Two thumbs up for Keith Haizer. One night he happened to go out into our parking lot to take a break and noticed some civilians walking through our restricted lot. The civilians turned out to be employees from a local news channel looking for a quick story and trying to get into our back door. Keith demonstrated all the professionalism the civilians would allow and managed to have the intruders escorted from the property, just short of a booking approval. I guess it could be considered a good thing that there are smokers still on the job. No telling how far they could have gotten if Keith hadn't decided he needed a nicotine fix.

Cop trivia question: What was the longest continuously running police show in T.V. history?

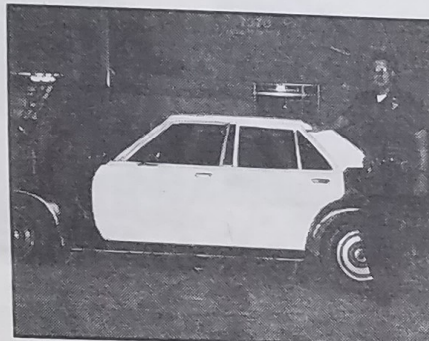
Many people, including officers, have been the victims of stolen vehicles and property. It seems that no one is safe from this. Not only personal items, but even city property has been victim. During a C-7 break, two of our bicycles were chained and locked on Hollywood Boulevard. After the officers finished their meal (which I'm told was considerably less than \$120), they noticed an empty pole where the bikes used to be. If anything good can be said about this, it would have to be that at least they got to work off their meal during the walk back to the station. On a similar note, it is not always the entire vehicle that is taken. As the pictures show, sometimes a car is seen as parts and thus is stripped. You can see the importance of experienced thief, not even the decals on the door.

Tim O'Gorman was working with his probationer Tom Pension when they ended up in a foot pursuit of a GTA suspect. They were running up Cherokee Avenue that has a slight uphill grade. Being a smoker and a bit older than his probationer, Tim was starting to fall behind in the run, so he used his powers as an officer and jumped into a passing blue Yugo and tells the divers (just slightly out of breath), "Follow that guy!" I don't mean to belittle the engine power of that Yugo, but it seems that the young Tom was still able to outrun his partner and managed to catch the suspect.

Cop trivia answer: Hawaii 5-0.
It still amazes me the mental process that some of our arrestees dem-



Before



After

onstrate. Awhile back we were called to a house where the neighbors had reported that they could see someone breaking in. Upon our arrival we detained the suspect that related the following: He was a long time friend of the family that lived in the house (which was confirmed later). He had done some traveling and moved away and had not seen the family for about five years. When he returned to this area he wanted to see them again and went to the house. He could see that the house was completely empty. This triggered him into thinking that the family was in trouble inside and he had to get in to help them. When it was revealed that they had moved away and thus explained the emptiness of the house, it did not sink in with him. He continuously argued that they could have not moved, because the furniture was gone. He could not comprehend that when his friends moved, they thought it might be a good idea to take their belongings with them.

Being one of the long term type of sick, ill or injured I would like all the others like me to know that they are thought of and speedy recoveries are wished for all. There are times that being back at work is all we can think about and hope that we can get back to our "other family" very soon. I would like to get back to work so bad I can taste it. Hey, it tastes like chicken!

This month's Homer Simpson DOH! award goes to arrestee Daniel S. This arrestee liked to commit robberies on convenience stores. As he was scoping out one store he noticed that there was a camera mounted inside and he didn't want to be caught on film. He found a passer-by on the street and gave the man some money to go inside and buy a scarf. He told the man that he was going to rob the store and wanted the scarf to cover his face. The man took the money, went inside, bought the scarf and told the clerk about Daniel's intent. The clerk phoned the police, was robbed and watched as the police showed up to make the arrest. I guess the saying is true that we don't catch the smart ones.

Joke of the month: A horse walks into a bar and orders a drink. The bartender looks at him and asks, "Hey, why the long face?" (Thanks Kathy.) *

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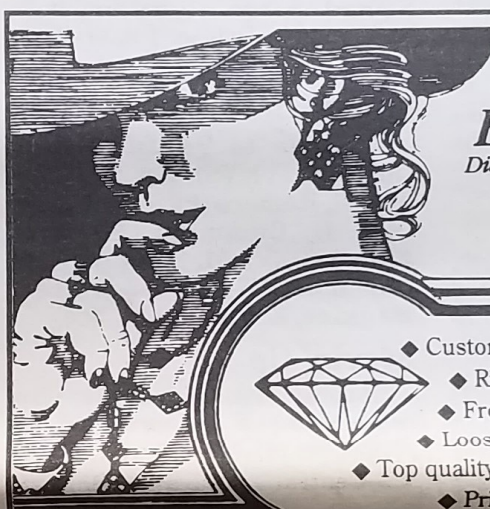
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DIVISIONAL REPORTER



Pacific Breeze

by Sergeant Terry Gutierrez
Pacific Division

Baker to Vegas

This year Pacific and West Traffic Division joined forces to confront the Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay. Congratulations to everyone on the outstanding effort they displayed. Under the direction of **Jeff Esparza**, the team did well and everyone had a good time. A special mention to Sgt. **Howard Irvin** for the courageous run that he put on. Due to a last minute setback, Sgt. Irvin had to be fill in as a replacement runner. Although injured, he dauntlessly beat the heat and pain to complete his leg of the race and enable the Pacific/WTD team to continue on. Thanks to all the runners and support team members for their participation.

Pacific Explorers

During April 7th through the 9th, Pacific Area Explorers participated in the 5th Annual CHP Law Enforcement Explorer Competition.



WTD Officer Frank Chamberlin (inset) and Narcotics team runner.

The explorers engaged in competitions which tested their investigative and searching skills, relay races, a triathlon, and other matches. Pacific Explorers jubilantly returned with second place, third place and fifth place trophies. The explorers are under the direction of **Ron Harrell**.

Family Additions

Congratulations to **Jeff Ennis** and his wife, Jeanette, on the birth of their son, John Thomas. John was born April 5, 1995 and weighed 9 lb 12 oz. Congratulations to Stephanie Shepard and Maurice Stewart on the birth of their daughter, Tamarin Denise. Tamarin was born on April 11, 1995.

Movin' In

Welcome to Pacific: Det **D. Ohanian** (VNYS), Sgt **T. Ennis** (SE), **R. Romero** (PRS), **D. Beezer** (SE), **H. Cummins** (PER), **D. Noone** (DEV), **M. Scott** (SW), **C. Coleman** (HWD), and new P1's **J. Hankins**, **K. Widman**, **K. Yee**.

Movin' Up

Congratulations to our Area Captain, **Richard LeGarra**, on his promotion to Commander and Cap-



Dawn Devine takes baton from Victor Carrasco.



Oakwood Bike Detail Officers: C. Coleman, A. Ramos, A. Orozco, and E. Perez.

tain **David Powers** was promoted to Captain II. Congrats to new Senior Lead Officer, **Brent Honore**. Brent will be handling 14A11 which is the Venice Beach Area.

Movin' Out

Good luck in your new areas: Det **B. Gasparian** (HWD), Det **Andy Smith** (SE), **C. Mayhew** (VNYS), **L. Minami-Lin** (CENT), **D. Diviak** (CTD), **R. Moore** (CTD), **T. Smalls** (DARE), **F. Bailey** (SE), **B. Abucejo** (SE), **S. Horton** (S/W).

The Oakwood Task Force lost two great loanees this month. Officer

Hector Lomelin headed back to HWD and **Ben Gutierrez** went back to WLA (DIV 8). Also movin' on are **Roger Pio** and **Mark Morgan**, who headed over to the Venice Beach detail. **Honour Henry** went to a FB detail and **Benny Abucejo** went to become a crimefighter at SE Area. Thanks to all of you for the hard work and laughs you gave the team. Welcome back to **Chuck Coleman** who returned from HWD.



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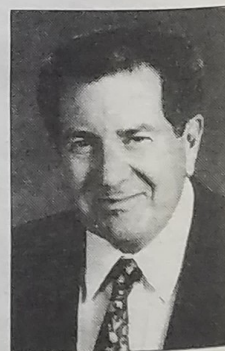
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by Candy Holmstedt
Southeast Division

Southeast Where Success is More Than Just a Name of a Street

At Southeast the only thing that you can count on to be consistent is change. I guess this is probably true for all Divisions in this city but it just happens faster and quicker here.

Last month I introduced you to the MAC Table. Well, just one month later there have been some big changes. **Darryl Ito**, after only one month, made sergeant and transferred out. I also told you that **Bennie Agurrie** left the crazy life of narcotic surveillance to have stable hours and be with the family. Bennie says he still loves his family but enough is enough and he going back to surveillance, this time with IAD.

This month I'm going to tell you about the Burglary Table. There is where I work, and work, and work, and work. This has been my only assignment since coming to Southeast over a year ago.

Our unit is headed up by Detective III **Stephen Clements**. Steve, known also as "Shifty Eyes" because of the way he peers over the top of his glasses, is our newly appointed coffee monitor. We just up-

dated from our old single pot coffee maker to a new hi-tech three burner machine. Steve's job is to heat that puppy up and get that first pot brewing in the morning. He also checks to make sure no one is slipping in any slugs or wooden nickels.

Steve has been married to the same woman for over 30 years and still calls her everyday just to tell her he loves her. If Steve could figure out how to bottle his secret to successful marriage he would be rich and the divorce lawyers would be out of business. Mrs. Clements has recently retired and enjoys nightly walks with her husband. They have two adult daughters who are still attending school and living at home. By the way, Steve is the cook of the house and keeps everyone on a low fat diet. I should be so lucky to ever find a man this good.

Speaking of me, I guess I'll tell you a little about me. I'm the Detective II for our table. I am a single parent of three great kids. My twin daughters are almost 17 years old. They attend the California Academy of Mathematics and Science which is a special high school on the campus of Cal State, Dominguez Hills. They take high school courses in the morning and college courses in the afternoon and are doing very well.

I also have a 12-year-old son who thinks I work just to keep him supplied in comic books and



Candy Holmstedt Christmas 1959 my first gun belt age 2 1/2 yrs. old.

action figures but considering the other things he could be into I really don't mind. He and I have reservations to attend the comic books convention in San Diego this July. I can hardly wait.

My job in detectives is to decorate for all holidays and to keep the candy jar on my desk stocked full of candy in case of any sudden need for a sugar fix, which happens often at Southeast.

Working for me are three great P-2's. There is none other than the new and improved **Michael Smith**. He has been loaned to detectives from patrol for about a year now. He has made his rounds through the tables and has been with burglary since about November. He is a single parent of two very active children — a boy 5 and a girl 3. His favorite outlet for stress is a long ride on his motorcycle on a warm day. Mike is the social director for detectives. His job is to check out everyone's social plans for the

weekend and to come up with activities like bringing in our high school yearbooks to share.

Our newest member is **Paul Scire**. The toughest part about coming to detectives was trying to teach everyone how to pronounce his last name. After about two days, Paul figured out that he didn't have a thing to wear and had to go on a shopping spree but he's now styling in his new duds and fitting in just fine. Paul is married and has two teenage boys who he keeps busy with church activities.

Our latent print officer is **Jorge "George" Macias**. George is the king of trivia as he once aspired to be a contestant on "Jeopardy." His world revolves around his wife and two boys. The birth of his last son in December left George a wreck. Mrs. Macias has plans of adding a girl to the clan but somehow we're not sure if George's nerves can take it anytime soon. Hang in there George.

I'd like to give honorable mention to **Ray Webb** who filled in for George during his vacation. Thanks for helping out and we hope to have you back again.

The Burglary Table just reached a milestone. We are the only table that has 100 percent participation in the morning workout program. I was the last holdout but I was overcome by guilt and pressure from my partners and have now joined them. Thanks partners.

As always, there is room for one more here at Southeast.

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IA Briefs

by Sergeant Mike Menza
Internal Affairs Division

It has been over a year now that I have been writing articles for the Divisional Reporter section of the *Thin Blue Line*. When I started these feature articles it was my intent to humanize Internal Affairs Division. I remember when Daryl Gates was under terrific criticism for being "soft" on disciplining officers for misconduct. He responded to the press that "everyone knows" that "Internal Affairs are my headhunters." Headhunters . . . What's that? Careers ruined? Lives destroyed? One of the biggest things that sets this Department off from any other police bureaucracy is that it is a very corrupt free organization. It hasn't always been. In the thirties, a writer named Raymond Chandler wrote a bunch of stories about life in Los Angeles. He did this through the perspective of a character named Philip Marlowe. The LAPD during that time was very corrupt. I joined LAPD because today, it is the most clean, non-corrupt police organization one could find in this nation. And that's not because of IAD, it's because of the people who wear the blue uniform.

The people that make up Internal Affairs are chosen from the Department's repertoire of detectives and sergeants. Many of these folks have spent a number of years in a uniformed assignment either as patrol officers, detectives and/or sergeants. However, an assignment to IAD places one in the precarious posi-

tion as a Police Protective League union member. On one hand you are a member of a union that sometimes gives the perception that IAD is a faceless group of stuffed shirts out to further their careers on the backs of working police officers. That simply isn't true. On the other hand, everyone in and out of the Protective League, agrees that we need to keep our housekeeping going. We can train people in our police academy, but let's face it, we didn't raise them from babyhood. There are good police officers who make mistakes. Then, there are those that are wearing our badge but don't deserve to wear it because they are self-serving and have no reverence for the law.

Since I have been in IAD I have had the privilege of working with some very talented people. One of these people is a guy named **Mike Moore**. Mike is what I consider one of this Department's best hope for the future. Mike is very intelligent, has a sense of humor, but most important, he gets the job done. As a sergeant, he's a lieutenant's dream. That is, he makes any lieutenant he is working for look good. Mike is one of those steady workers who do a consistent outstanding job, but seldom asks for or receives a commendation for it. That's just Mike. Mike will soon be a lieutenant.

IAD is also getting some very good sergeants in the form of **Steve Laroche**, **Paul Stalker**, and **Marc Goodman**. All three of these sergeants recently completed a loan to IAD. Paul and Steve are seasoned field supervi-

sors who bring sound credibility to the division. Marc Goodman brings a variety of special talents to IAD. Besides being able to speak Spanish, French, and Yiddish, he probably speaks some other languages I don't know about. Marc is responsible for quite a few of us getting on the computer net, the so called "information highway." Marc represents the unique talent that LAPD still attracts, but we never seem to hear about it. After he completed his first year of medical school, he decided he wanted to do what he really wanted to do; go West and become a cop.

One other character who makes a deep impression is **Joe Mariani**. Joe is young (not quite forty, yet) but is getting close to twenty years on the job. He grew up with the job, like so many others I know. Joe is a philosopher. He cares about the things that are important; that is, family, religion, and the future of this organization. Joe too, is one of this Department's best hope.

This time last year I wrote about an IASergeant named **Mike Lund** who died at his own hand. Unfortunately, I attended the funeral of a fine police officer who also recently died at her own hand. **Lisa Nielson** of Hollenbeck Division was buried today. I have been to quite a few police funerals in my short tenure of this Department. But Lisa's funeral seemed to cut really deep. I won't discuss the way Lisa died, but I will remember her as a sweet, beautiful young woman who made Hollenbeck Division a brighter place to work. She was a good street cop. She was one of my officers when I first made sergeant. It is such a waste that she is gone. I remember talking with her about her going back to patrol af-

ter she worked a stint at EODD. The last time we talked we agreed to meet for a cup of coffee during her daywatch assignment at Hollenbeck. We never did. There is no reason for any of us to take our own life. As fellow IAD Sgt. **Linda Williams** stated, tough times always pass because we travel through life in cycles. When we are really down, we don't always stay there. If you are down for any reason, get help. It's available. An excellent program is the *Occupational Health Services* set up with the League's help. It provides for ten free sessions with a professional counselor near your home. It is all confidential. There are also excellent counselors available through Behavioral Science Division. The bravest thing you could do is talk to a stranger who is a professional counselor who can objectively evaluate your situation when life goes sideways on you.

Alright, enough preaching. I'm hoping someone else in IAD will continue writing the *IA Briefs*. I have had fun putting these stories together, but it's time to get a different perspective. Take care. For Lisa Nielson, I'll leave you with some lyrics from a great sixties song.

Go, take your sister by the hand
Lead her away from this foreign land

Far away, where we might laugh again . . .

Wooden ships on the water, very free,

Wooden ships on the water, very free, and easy,

Easy, the way it's supposed to be . . .

—By Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young

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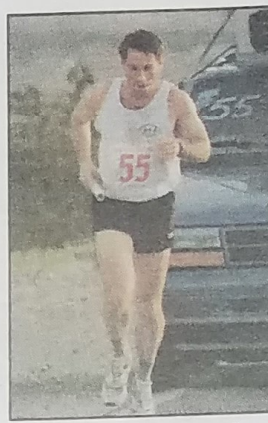
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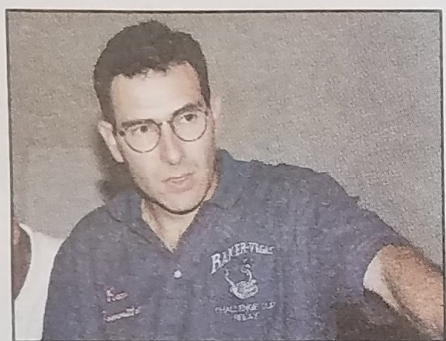


Paula Chavez, Women's
Team



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Top row (l-r), Grace Barrera, Brenda Crump, Grace Kelly, Angela Dumlar, Nancy Dyer, Chief Willie Williams, Sherri Blankenship, Jim Mateer, Annette Olivas, Sharyn Bock, Janet Zumstein. Bottom row (l-r), Margie Reid, Cathy Feltz, Trish Luevanos, Marie Valencia, Marcella Sandy, Essie Zimbeck, Michelle Veenstra. Not shown, Mary Kite, Paula Chavez, Sylvia Vielma, Maria Palmer.



The coveted cup



Jason Berg, Van Nuys Support Team



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Gary Fennell, Metro



Rick Sanchez, ASD/Training Division



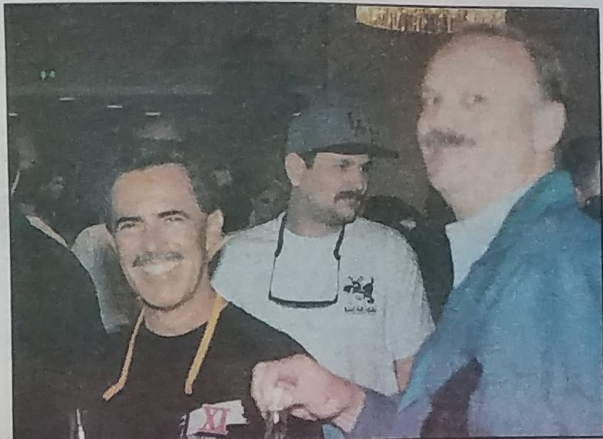
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Essie Zimbeck, Women's Team.



Fullerton Chief of Police Pat McKinley
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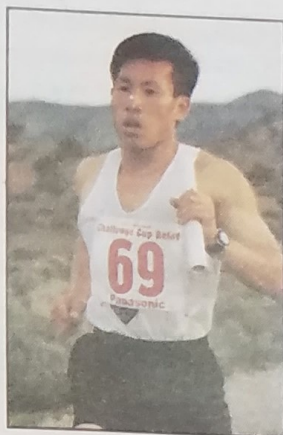
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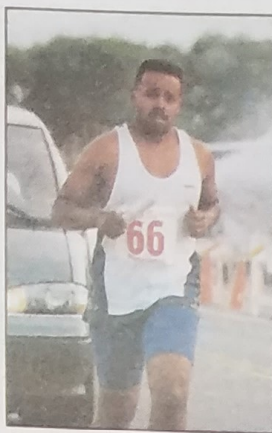


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CUP RELAY

by Dennis P. Zine



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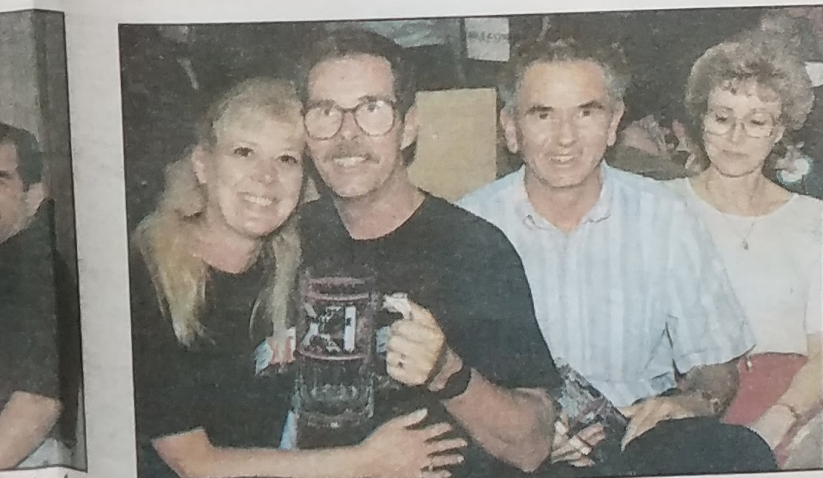
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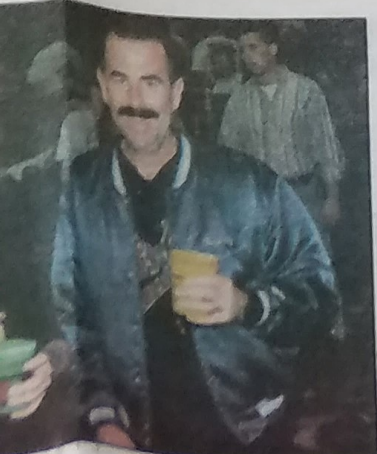
Left to right, Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Feeley, Mr. & Mrs. JJ Thompson



Dan Gonzalez, WLA



Rose Torres, Daryl Gates, Sharyn Bock, Sherri Blankenship, Essie Zimbeck



Van Nuys team



David M. Friedrich, WLA

SPORTS BEAT



From The Sports Desk:



By Lew Snow,
LAPRAAC
Sports Editor

Depending upon when the mailman (excuse me, "mail person") delivers this month's issue of *The Thin Blue Line*, it may not be too late to participate in the 17th Annual Memorial Run on Saturday, June 3, at the Academy. The late registration booth will open at 0615 with the 5K scheduled to start at 0800 and the team relay at 0830. Cost is \$20 per person. The Family Day scheduled after the race, featuring games and stuff for kids of all ages, is free of charge. If you get your *Blue Line* early enough, and haven't already made plans to attend, what're you waiting for? Come out and support your fellow officers running in memory of all our LAPD brethren who have laid down their lives in the line of duty.

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As you can see elsewhere in "Sports Beat," we're running a new feature: the LAPRAAC Athlete of the Month. Ed Russell is the first honoree for his superhuman efforts at this year's World Police and Fire Games. If you'd like to nominate someone for Athlete of the Month call LAPD Athletic Director Tony Adler at (213) 222-4601. All nominees will be considered by LAPRAAC's Athletic Committee, which will make the final decision.

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It seems everyone's wearing those Blue Ribbon pins these days, even Bobby ("Kiss A Cop") Shapiro. If you haven't got one they're now on sale at the Academy Store for only \$1.50. Bargain Bob Hickey has two versions: a plain blue ribbon or one with "LAPD Support" written on it. Let the world know you support the forces of good over the forces of deception, misstatement, lies, and outright evil.

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If you haven't checked out the new Uniform Store at the Academy, now's the time! Gigi is adding new features on a weekly basis. Official department bicycle uniforms are now available, as well as "blue ribbon" t-shirts and the very popular "Irish green" LAPD caps. Baker to Vegas hooded sweatshirts are now on sale while supplies last.

Gigi recently added a full line of greeting cards... birthday, anniversary, wedding, etc. Don't risk IOD status by going home without that card for your spouse or girl/boyfriend! And while you're at it, Melody is back with a full service barber shop and style salon inside the Uniform Store. Stop by or call her at (213) 276-1053 to make an appointment.

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The Rock 'n' Roll Dinner Dance originally scheduled for May 6 has been postponed due to poor ticket sales. There were lots of calls from folk who were disappointed, but who hadn't yet purchased tickets. If there aren't enough pre-sale tickets three weeks prior to the dance, it has to be canceled, so next time around, don't wait until the last minute... be sure to buy your tickets ahead of time!

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If you're interested in learning how to impress the ladies (or men) on the country dance circuit, LAPRAAC is offering free country-western dance lessons every other Wednesday night, 1830 hours, in the Academy Lounge. The next lessons, conducted by Ed and Sally, will be June 7 and 21. For more info, call Debbie at (213) 221-5222.

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Surprisingly enough a number of our readers called to say they missed my O.J. Simpson trial observations, which I skipped last month. So, by popular demand:

I had the pleasure recently of meeting two figures in the case: Detectives Tom Lange and Phil Vanatter, while at lunch at the Academy Cafe. It was hard recognizing them at first... I kept looking for the horns and tail that Johnny ("Paternity Suit") Cochran described. While Phil would have no trouble hiding the horns under his blonde/gray mane, it's a little more difficult for Tom.

After they left I noticed a person who looked suspiciously like Barry Scheck measuring the amount of ketchup left in the bottle on their table. Could there be 1.5 ml of ketchup unaccounted for? Did Lange and Vanatter plant evidence by spreading ketchup from O.J.'s Big Mac inside the Bronco?

Am I being totally off the wall? Not in this case. Remember, if you see it on "Hard Copy," "Inside Edition," or "A Current Affair" later this month, the rumor started right here!

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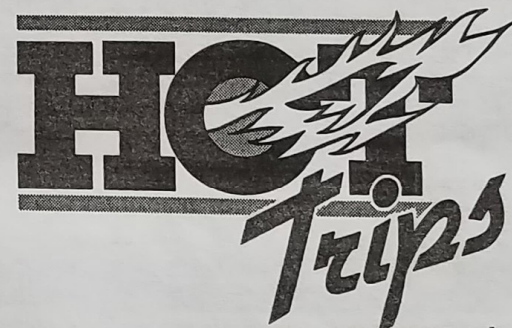
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Final Results, 1995 Baker To Vegas Challenge Cup Relay

LAPD Teams in Bold Caps

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- P# Time includes specified number of penalty minutes.
 UO Unofficial time.
 DQ Disqualified.

Open Category

	Time	Overall Finish
1. LASD Men's Central Jail	12:56:37	1
2. AIR SUPPORT/TRAINING DIVISION #1	13:17:07(P10)	2
3. San Diego Police Dept.	13:19:55	3
4. LASD Stars Center	14:07:30	6
5. Anaheim Police Dept. #1	14:10:51	7
6. FBI Los Angeles SWAT	14:12:47	8
7. LASD Pitchess Honor Rancho	14:24:40	11
8. Las Vegas Metro Police Dept.	14:27:03	12
9. Santa Ana Police Dept.	14:38:21	14
10. Orange Co. Sheriff's Dept.	14:43:35	17
11. Riverside Co. Sheriff's Dept. #1	14:44:53	19
12. San Bernardino Co. Sheriff's Dept. #1	15:01:15(P5)	22
13. HARBOR AREA/SOUTH TRAFFIC DIVISION	15:36:54	38
14. Orange Co. Marshal's Office	15:42:42	42
15. California Dept. of Fish and Game	15:45:02	45
16. CENTRAL TRAFFIC DIVISION	15:48:38	49
17. HOLLENBECK AREA	15:54:00	53
18. L.A. County Probation Dept.	16:18:26	68
19. Metro Transit Authority Police	16:25:14	73
20. Calgary (Canada) Police Services Dept.	16:32:28	80
21. Ventura Co. Peace Officers (Police & Sheriff)	16:54:47	98
22. LASD Lakewood Station	17:08:54	104
23. Alameda Co. Sheriff's Dept.	17:34:21	114
24. LASD Pitchess Honor Rancho-East	17:39:36	11
25. ADMINISTRATIVE VICE DIVISION	17:55:42	121
26. LASD Century Reg. Detention Facility	18:16:23(P10)	128
27. Barstow Police Dept.	18:21:36	132
28. CHP-West Los Angeles	19:08:06(P10)	141
29. LAPD RESERVES	19:08:30	142
30. Calif. Dept. of Insurance-Fraud Div.	19:17:46	147

Women's Category (all female teams)

	Time	Overall Finish
1. LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPT.	16:15:02	64
2. Los Angeles Sheriff's Dept.	16:18:27	69
3. San Bernardino Co. Sheriff/Fire Depts.	20:34:38	152

Mixed Category (five or more female runners)

	Time	Finish
1. U.S. Border Patrol #1	14:42:30	15
2. FBI-San Francisco	15:06:20	26
3. HOLLYWOOD AREA	15:14:33	29
4. U.S. Customs Service -LA	15:16:25	31
5. LASD Court Services Division	15:26:44	34
6. CENTRAL AREA	15:39:00	40
7. L.A. Co. District Attorney's Office	15:40:49	41
8. FBI-San Diego	15:42:56	43
9. RAMPART AREA #1	15:45:47(P10)	46
10. WILSHIRE AREA	15:51:22	51
11. NEWTON AREA	15:56:21	54
12. NORTHEAST AREA	15:58:13	55
13. PARKER CENTER	16:07:47	60
14. WEST LOS ANGELES AREA	16:18:17	67
15. S.P.O.R.T.	16:28:10	77
16. Long Beach Police Dept. #2	16:33:07	82
17. VAN NUYS AREA	16:34:17	83
18. LASD Pitchess Honor Rancho	16:35:23(P10)	84
19. SOUTHEAST AREA	16:45:16	8820.
21. NORTH HOLLYWOOD AREA	16:46:16	90
22. LASD Sybil Brand Institute	16:51:16	94
23. LASD Santa Clarita Valley Station	16:52:14	95
24. SOUTHWEST AREA	17:09:36	105
25. Arizona Attorney General's Office	17:10:42	106
26. The Write Stuff	17:14:43	109
27. U.S. Customs Service-El Paso	17:20:57	110
28. CHP-Central Los Angeles	17:23:05	112
29. San Diego Police Dept.	17:36:00	115
30. PACIFIC AREA/WEST TRAFFIC DIV.	17:44:55	117
31. U.S. Customs Service-San Diego	17:51:16	119
32. Riverside Co. Sheriff's Dept. #2	18:07:28(P10)	125
33. COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION	19:10:55(P5)	143

800 Category

(total age of all runners is over 800 years)	Time	Overall Finish
1. LASD Special Enforcement Bureau	13:54:22	4
2. METRO DIVISION	13:58:14	5
3. Orange County Judges	14:14:36	9
4. Dallas (Texas) Police Dept.	14:22:48	10

800 Category (cont.)

(total age of all runners is over 800 years)

	Time	Overall Finish
5. FBI-Los Angeles	15:13:30	28
6. LASD Lomita Station/SSB	15:30:43	36
7. U.S. Postal Inspectors	15:30:59	37
8. LAPD RETIREES	15:44:09(P10)	44
9. LASD Men's Central Jail	15:47:55(P5)	48
10. LAPD DARE	16:14:59	63
11. San Diego Police Dept.	16:28:19	78
12. NARCOTICS GROUP	16:41:04	85
13. ROBBERY HOMICIDE/PARKER CENTER	16:54:16	97
14. INTELLIGENCE DIVISION	17:00:20	102
15. San Bernardino Co. Sheriff's Dept. #2	17:13:10	108
16. Kern Co. Sheriff's Dept.	17:22:52	111
17. LASD Hall of Justice	17:50:07(P30)	118
18. Calif. Dept. Corrections-Adult Parole	18:04:58	124
19. LASD-Pitchess Honor Rancho NCCF	18:13:02	126
20. VALLEY TRAFFIC DIVISION	18:18:29(P10)	129
21. U.S. Border Patrol #2	18:19:34	130
22. Long Beach Police Dept. #1	18:40:43	134
23. LASD Homicide Bureau	19:11:44	144
AIR SUPPORT/TRAINING DIV. #2	16:37:39(DQ)	
LASD Narcotics Bureau	17:48:14(UO)	
Riverside Co. Sheriff's Dept.	18:15:49(UO/P10)	

Stations Category (patrol stations)

	Time	Overall Finish
1. LASD Temple Station	14:46:53(P5)	20
2. LASD Lennox Station	15:01:50	23
3. LASD East Los Angeles Station	15:04:12	25
4. LASD Industry Station	15:07:06	27
5. LASD Century Station	15:25:51	33
6. 77TH STREET AREA	15:51:38	52
7. FOOTHILL AREA	15:58:14	56
8. LASD West Hollywood Station	15:59:49	57
9. LASD Norwalk Station	16:31:14	79
10. LASD Carson Station	16:54:02	96
11. LASD Walnut Station	17:29:17	113
12. LASD Antelope Valley Station	17:59:23	122
13. LASD Crescenta Valley Station	18:19:49	131
14. LASD Pico Rivera Station	19:15:32	145
15. RAMPART AREA #2	19:33:18	148
16. WEST VALLEY AREA	20:16:41	150

300 Category (300 or fewer sworn personnel)

	Time	Overall Finish
1. Chula Vista Police Dept.	14:43:05	16
2. Fremont Police Dept.	14:43:45	18
3. Huntington Beach Police Dept.	14:55:33	21
4. Oceanside Police Dept.	15:02:15	24
5. Pasadena Police Dept.	15:28:02	35
6. Glendale Police Dept.	15:46:28	47
7. Riverside Co. District Attorney's Office	16:02:23	59
8. L.A. Co. DA's Bureau of Investigation	16:15:17	65
9. Bakersfield Police Dept.	16:22:16	70
10. Pomona Police Dept.	16:22:36	71
11. Calif. Dept. of Justice	16:27:00	75
12. Reno Police Dept. Pacers	16:27:53	76
13. Arcadia/Monrovia/Glendora Police Depts.	16:50:04	92
14. L.A. Unified School Dist. Police	16:55:17(P15)	99
15. Torrance Police Dept.	16:56:56	100
16. Santa Monica Police Dept.	17:12:09	107
17. San Bernardino Co. Marshal's Office	17:54:42	120
18. San Bernardino Police Dept.	18:28:34	13
19. Modesto/Stanslaus Police Dept.	18:42:25	135
20. Monterey Co. Sheriff's Dept.	18:45:18	136
21. Inglewood Police Dept.	19:03:49(P5)	140
22. Montclair/Claremont/Upland Police Depts.	19:17:36	146

F300 Category

(300 or fewer sworn personnel/federal agencies)	Time	Overall Finish
1. FBI-Salt Lake City	14:32:32	13
2. U.S. Secret Service	15:14:54	30
3. Internal Revenue Service/CID #1	15:23:49	32
4. ATF-Los Angeles	15:51:21	50
5. U.S. Marshal's Office-Los Angeles	16:10:22	61
6. Drug Enforcement Agency-Los Angeles	16:23:44	72
7. Internal Revenue Service/CID #2	18:59:25	139

150 Category (150 or fewer sworn personnel)

	Time	Overall Finish
1. Fullerton Police Dept.	15:38:58(P10)	39
2. Irvine Police Dept.	16:01:34(P10)	58
3. Beverly Hills Police Dept.	16:14:05	62
4. Newport Beach Police Dept.	16:16:07	66
5. Burbank Police Dept.	16:41:31	86
6. Costa Mesa Police Dept.	16:41:31	86
7. Orange Police Dept.	16:47:10	91
8. Corona Police Dept.	16:50:23	93
9. San Luis Obispo Police Dept.	16:57:37	101
10. Orange Co. Dist. Atty. Investigators	17:05:26(P5)	103
11. Fontana Police Dept.	18:02:03	123
12. West Covina Police Dept.	18:15:51	127
13. Downey Police Dept.	18:53:32	138

99 Category (99 or fewer sworn personnel)

	Time	Overall Finish
1. Monterey Park Police Dept.	16:32:55	81
2. Westminster Police Dept.	16:42:56	87
3. Redlands Police Dept.	18:47:57	137
4. La Palma/Cypress Police Depts.	19:54:44(P5)	149
5. Baldwin Park Police Dept.	20:25:08	151
6. Huntington Park Police Dept.	20:55:48	153
South Gate Police Dept.	17:30:35(UO/P10)	

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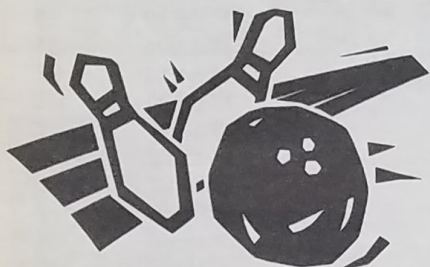
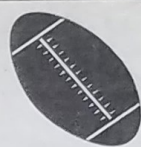
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SPORTS BEAT



Strike! Strike! Strike!

by Tina Nieto and Don Tudor

No, it's not contract time again. That was the sound echoing through the bowling alley at the recent San Diego Police Department Tournament.

Training Division's Officer Diane Tieman bowled over her competition of nearly 100 law enforcement bowlers during two days of intense competition April 8-9. What began as just another tournament for Diane turned into the pinnacle of her career.

After hitting 11 strikes in a row, Diane turned around for a last moment of inspiration, and discovered an eerie silence. The entire alley had gathered around to



Photo by Ofcr. Roland Ramirez

Officer Diane Tieman

watch. On the 12th and final ball Diane began to feel the tension in the air. As the ball slammed into the pocket, Diane and the gallery watched as the pins toppled over. but when the dust cleared, there stood the teetering, defiant "nine pin." The result of her efforts produced an almost perfect score of 299!

Diane won first place in the "Women's All Event" category; second in the "Team Competition" with her teammates (LAPD ret.) Wes Toles, (LAPD ret.) Tom Edmond and his (LAPD active) spouse Peggy Leiphart; and first in the "Top Scratch Game" category with her 299 score. For her efforts, Diane was awarded a handsome trophy, cash prizes, and as a final reward, that obstinate bowling pin that cost her a perfect game.

Several LAPD bowlers also did well. Sgt. Marty Weston and Ofcr. Darrel Van Roy placed second in the "Handicapped Doubles;" Det. Bob Gartner and (LAPD ret.) Bob Gosnell took second in "Scratch Doubles;" Det. Chuck Worthen and Ofcr. W. Beardsley placed third in "Handicapped Doubles;" Toles took third in "Handicapped Singles;" and Van Roy took third in "All Event."

Bowlers interested in future police tournaments should contact Bob Gosnell at (818)913-4237.



The Ten Ring

Notes on the Pistol Team

by Rick Bennett

With the pistol match season in full swing, the LAPD pistol team took San Francisco by storm on April 21-23. The Blue Team continued its winning ways by capturing the first six matches of the season.

Match results:

GRAND MASTER CLASS	S. FRAN. P.D.	REDWOOD CITY
J. Pride.....	1494x126 2nd	1491x106 2nd
R. Bennett.....	1494x100 3rd	1489x104 5th
L. Salseda.....	1488x93	1483x100
S. Estrada.....	1487x97	1489x103
R. Barnes.....	1487x92	1486x86
D. Gizzi.....	1482x77	1475x90
T. Bedford.....	1471x82	1477x85

DISTINGUISHED MASTER CLASS

D. Hickerson.....	1448x72	1456x68
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MASTER CLASS

M. Pate.....	1450x63	1415x52
N. Goldberg.....	1449x55	1453x58 2nd

DISTINGUISHED AUTO MATCH

J. Pride.....	597x41 1st
R. Bennett.....	583x27 2nd
M. Pate.....	534x22

DISTINGUISHED REVOLVER MATCH

N. Goldberg.....	574x21
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PMA DISTINGUISHED MATCH

R. Bennett.....	583x27 1st
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FOUR-MAN TEAMS: GRAND MASTER

Blue Team.....	2387x171 1st	2378x160 1st
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FOUR-MAN TEAMS: DISTINGUISHED MASTER

Silver Team.....	2344x123 1st	2320x123 2nd
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TWO-MAN TEAMS: GRAND MASTER

LAPD.....	1181x70 4th	1188x7 3rd
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LAPRAAC Athlete of the Month

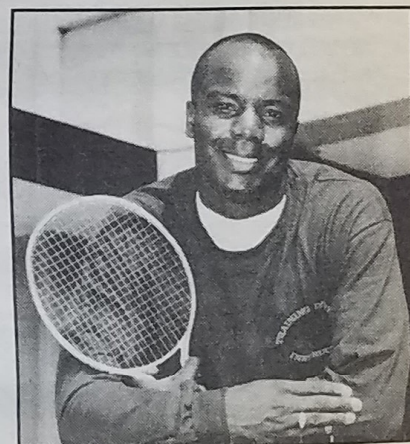
ED RUSSELL

When people talk of giving 110 percent, they obviously don't mean Training Division's Ed Russell. Ed gave 200 percent and more at the recent World Police and Fire Games in Melbourne, Australia, earning him the honors of LAPRAAC Athlete of the Month for June.

Having planned to go "down under" to compete in tennis, Ed came to the rescue when many of LAPD's top basketball players were unable to fly to Australia, leaving the squad with only five members. Despite the searing 90-100° temperatures, Ed volunteered to do double duty... literally running back and forth from one event to another to compete in both sports.

Buoyed by his superhuman effort, the department's hoopsters went undefeated into the final round, averaging over 100 points per game. However, they lost two close games to the Victoria (Australia) State Police in the final round. Second in the world is certainly nothing to sneeze at!

On the tennis courts, Ed took a bronze in the Senior A Men's Singles competition after having ad-



vanced to the finals only to lose to the eventual champion from South Africa. He then teamed with Jaime Barajas in the Open Doubles Competition. They advanced to the semi-finals before being knocked out by the South African team that won the gold.

For giving his all, and then some... and by representing the spirit and drive that embodies LAPD's athletic program, we are proud to recognize Ed Russell as Athlete of the Month for June 1995.

Red Davis Tourney Slated June 14-15

Will Rampart become the first department team in recent history to four-peat as Slo-Pitch champions? The Fort Apache nine lost manager Brian Miyakawa this year. Could that lead to the end of a department dynasty? That's the question everyone's asking when the Red Davis Tournament for the department's title begins play on Wednesday, June 14. Games in the double-elimination tourney will take place at both Balboa and Hjelte Parks in Encino on the 14th, moving to the final round at Hjelte on the 15th.

Twenty teams in three leagues competed in slo-pitch competition this season. In the North League are squads representing Detective Services Division (managed by Keith Anderson), Newton (Terry Barclay), Northeast #2 (Dave Trujillo), Rampart (Todd Cataldi), 77th Street (Mike Pytel), and Southwest (Leonard Avalos). They play a ten game schedule at Eagle Rock Rec. Cen-

ter, with the final league games set for June 6.

Seven Central League teams took the field this year, representing Central Traffic (Arvin Turner), Hollenbeck (David Landsman) and Wilshire (Rocky Phillips). Their 12 game schedule is also at Eagle Rock Rec. Center, with the final league contests set June 1, 6 and 8.

The Valley League also fielded seven teams: Metro (Glen Schnoor), Hollywood (Randy Litton), North Hollywood (Glynn Martin), Pacific (Jerry Bautista), Van Nuys (Joe Brazas), West L.A. (Nick Barbara), and West Valley (Ray Lombardo). Playing a 12 game slate at Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Rec. Center, their final matches are also June 1, 6 and 8.

For information on final league scheduling, as well as for the Red Davis Tournament, call the Sports Beat Info Line, (213) 223-WINS.

Ski Team Boasts Best Season Ever

by Ingrid Braun

The 1995 ski season proved to be very successful for LAPD's Ski Team. Not only did several individual members win medals in a variety of races, the team took first place at two competitions!

Our race season began with the International Police Winter Games held February 27-March 3 at Lake Tahoe. (The Family Fun Race was held February 26 at Heavenly Valley, where our only skier, Jennifer Moriarty, won the gold medal.) Competition began on the 27th with cross country races at Kirkwood, where Chris Collier and Mike Moriarty skied in a 5K race in the morning and an 8K in the afternoon. Collier, a newcomer and greatly-appreciated addition to the team, and Moriarty both won medals in each event. The cross country continued with the biathlon held at Squaw Valley. Again both of our competitors won medals. Congrats and thanks to our cross country skiers who are truly the backbone of the team.

One reason the race is held at Lake Tahoe is for the night life... just ask Rob Lerner about his luck at the tables, but don't ask Rick Conrado and Nancy Hernandez if they'll ever take another cruise! The alpine portion of the events were held at Heavenly Valley and began March 1 with the slalom, followed by the giant slalom and the

super G. It should be noted the super G was canceled due to weather halfway through, and not all team members were able to race.

Mike Braun can attest to the horrendous weather conditions; his crash in the super G earned him a plaque for "best crash!" At the awards ceremony that night the first place team trophy went to LAPD. The team trophy was based upon the results of four members — one cross country and four alpine (in this case Collier, Braun, Lerner, Conrado and Bill Page) but every team member gave their all. Also, congrats to Rob Lerner who took advantage of the romantic Tahoe setting to propose to his girlfriend Diane Suresh. She accepted, of course.

Next stop on the circuit was Crested Butte, Colorado, for the National Police Ski Championship, March 5-10. Only Max Phillips and Bill Page were able to make the race, but they represented the department well. Phillips took medals in two events and Page came home with one. (Page fared much better in all the other races where he finished first in all but one race... and in that one he came in second.)

On to Park City, Utah, for the Utah Police Officers Ski Race, March 12-16. The general consensus is that this is the team's favorite race. Not only is the competition excellent, but the atmosphere and camaraderie are unmatched. The

event began with the 5K cross country, in which Mike Moriarty took home the bronze and his guest, Michelle Lander, won the gold in the "guest" category. In the biathlon we expected to have only one competitor (Moriarty, our cross country expert), but team members were able to talk Andy Smith and Steve Allen into competing. Considering neither had competed in cross country (or in Allen's case had ever skied before!) they all did remarkably well.

Again, a highlight of the races was not the snow, but from the evening celebrations. At the banquet LAPD was awarded the first place trophy... the first time it had gone to a team outside Utah. Again, the team was comprised of Lerner, Braun, Moriarty and Conrado, but all contributed. In fact, our alternate team (Smith, Allen, Page and Bob McDonald) took fifth!

The final stop on the race circuit was the California Fire/Police Games at Mammoth Mountain, March 27-30. We had two champions in Dual Slalom: Rob Lerner and Mike Braun. Also, acknowledgement should be given to Lerner who is consistently the team's fastest skier and has been competing the longest. The awards banquet on March 30 found LAPD



Mike Braun in action during the Giant Slalom at the International Police Winter Games.

walking away with the most medals. There is no team trophy awarded at the Fire/Police Games, but if there were, LAPD would certainly have been in contention. As Mike Braun described it, "we put on a clinic for the firemen!"

All in all, 1995 was the ski team's most successful year yet, and it can only improve from here. Remember, it's not skiing ability that counts, it's the desire to ski and have lots of fun. An extra special thanks to team sponsors and contributors Marker USA Ltd., Dynastar, Lange, Spyder and I.C.E.

Anyone interested in skiing for LAPD should contact Mike Braun (818) 756-8543, Rick Conrado (213) 485-2563, Mike Moriarty (213) 894-3230 or Bill Page (310) 378-7694.

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Pride of the Slopes: (from left) Mike Picardi, Mike Moriarty, Bill Page, Mike Braun, Rob Lerner, Steve Allen, Bob McDonald, Andy Smith; (kneeling) Ingrid Braun, Rick Conrado; (not pictured) Max Phillips, Chris Collier.

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RETIREMENT CORNER

June, 1995

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Inland Blue Line

by Loyd H. Yandle

I received a letter, last week, from the Protective League requesting my presence at the May 2nd Los Angeles Police Protective League dinner and delegate's meeting. The dinner was a real super buffet of fried chicken and all the fixins. Dinner was at 4 P.M. followed by a speech by two city councilmen. Then they introduced four of us retirees who write articles for the retirement section of the monthly *Thin Blue Line*. Then they presented us each with a beautiful award. This just goes to show, old coppers are still appreciated. I want to thank the Protective League for including me in their yearly Blue Line awards selection.

I was seated at the special table they had reserved for those receiving the awards, when Lt. Rik Violano came over and shook my hand and asked if I remembered him. Not wanting to show my age, I said, "I sure do." (Not having a clue.) Rik told me he remembers me when I was working Hollywood Division back in the late 1950s and early 1960s. Rik was a little shaver and it seems I threatened to kick his little butt if he didn't head for home when I told him to. He refreshed my memory and I did recall several of the incidents. He said it must have done some good, as he went on to become a Los Angeles Police Officer and rose to the ranks of Lieutenant. That's better than I did.

Seeing him makes one just feel a little old. If I had known I was going to live this long, I would have taken better care of myself. He looks so young. I really did feel old when I started to leave and saw all those young recruits lined up in the street in front of the Academy hall. Most of them were not even born when I retired. I thought back to when I started the Academy. These youngsters have a big problem trying to cope with the problems of today. I, along with a lot of other retirees, am glad I came on the Department when we did. We did good work, we had fun, we really enjoyed coming to work. You could really live on \$200 a month, and we did.

We had a great luncheon and meeting on April 12, which was our spring get-together. Tom Lindholm was our guest speaker. He lectured on living trusts. Boy, does he know the ins and outs on that subject. Lot of interest among the members. We sure learned it really pays to have a living will or trust whichever, but don't wait. Get one before it is too late.

We had 177 in attendance. The club is growing by leaps and bounds. I had 15 new retirees call up and want to join. It seems most of the retirees are getting such a big kick out of these clubs, they are joining several clubs, so that when they travel, they get the news about the meetings and plan their trips accordingly. They sure enjoy seeing their old partners and friends again. Look in the front of the re-

tirement book and check where the clubs are and drop them a line and become a member. It will keep you active and young and it don't cost much. Bob Davidson and Bill Daily showed up as did Bob Kees and John Stolp. Leroy Smith and Ray Lopez both showed up for the first time and joined. They said they never realized so many LAPD retirees gathered in one place, at one time.

We sure did miss Dean Ward and Hymie Kravitz. All the gang signed a get well card to send to both these members. We sure hope they soon recover and we are praying for them. We need both of these guys. We can't get along without Dean Ward and we sure as hell miss hearing Hymie's jokes. We look forward to them. It is a tradition.

Joe Ruchaber didn't get his motorcycle, but he sure got the best thing next to a Harley. The city bought him a new three wheel scooter. Now he can get around much faster. Joe says his wife Nancy can take the scooter apart in record time, have it in the trunk and away they go. Then when they get to where they are going she puts it back together and he climbs on and away he goes. This is something Joe has needed for a long time. One hundred and fifty operations sorta wears a person down. Go get 'em Joe, we are going to see if the city won't send you a ticket book and you can start where you left off some 45 years ago. John and Eleanor Crenshaw have been Inland Blue Line members since we started back in 1983. Now John and Eleanor are moving to Mesa, Arizona. We tried everything to keep them here, but all failed and they are leaving soon. Sure going to miss them. Come back and visit us when you can.

We sure were saddened by the passing of Bill Gilmer and Jaci Riding. Jaci and Claire Riding were both charter members of the club. We are sure going to miss both Bill and Jaci. Larry Lance is very ill. He is in the book. Drop him a line or card; it will cheer him up.

I finally had to join the crowd. I bought a computer. I knew I was in trouble when I spent four hours of my super fast, super powerful, super efficient computer, not learning how to operate it — just getting it out of the box. It looks pretty. Now if I could only learn how to use it. I saw a bumper sticker on one of the retired persons' vehicles the other day. It read: "I'm lost but I am making record time." Some days I feel that way.

Remember, the next meeting of the Inland Blue Line will be Wednesday, October 11, 1995. It will be at the Anchor Restaurant in Hemet. All paid up members will be notified by letter about three weeks prior to the 11th. A surprise guest speaker is in the making. Contact Loyd Yandle, 909-925-4491 if you want to join the Inland Blue Line or just come and see all the old gang. See ya all in October. *

RETIREMENT ASSOCIATIONS & NOTICES

Sacramento Area Blue Line Association

by Bernie Remas

SABLA is on the move again! At least for the time being. You remember the old adage, moving targets are hard to hit! For some time now SABLA has been looking for a new place to hold our eleven luncheons a year. (None in December.) The Palomino is an excellent restaurant for normal restaurant business, and they've treated us well. But their banquet menu for us is extremely limited and no variety from month to month. Parking is minimal at best. And maybe it was time to move on and find a fresher place. So Roy Kerton, our Prez, appointed Gene DeCrona and George Puddy to scout around to find a new location. so we used our May luncheon to test a new place, and we'll be back at the Palomino on June 8, 1995. So meet us there 'cause we're going to decide what to do next. Don't forget, Thursday, June 8, 1995, The Palomino!

At our April meeting we were happy to greet two members of the Sacramento County Sheriff's office Gang Detail. As guest speakers, Detectives Trang To and Randy Yen gave an outstanding presentation on the gang activities in the Sacramento area. Exceptionally well versed in all the local gangs, they were able to answer a wide variety of questions. Many of our SABLA members were not too surprised that the local gangs may have somehow migrated from the Los Angeles area. Now how would that happen? But these young detectives were refreshing to see and hear. They know their jobs well and certainly displayed a whole bunch of dedication to their tasks.

Also in April, Joe Sandoval from the Governor's cabinet was at the luncheon, and while he visited with the guys and gals, we managed to have him pay his dues for another year. Joe has always been a loyal supporter of SABLA. As busy as he is, he always can be counted to help. Why he even used his influence to obtain our current post office box number, which is P.O. Box 60353, Sacramento, CA 95860-0353. So if you can still write, send us a line or two! We'll find someone to read to us!!

One that has done that is Sgt. Joe Brazas from Van Nuys Division. Joe has written to us with the promise that we'll be seeing him when he retires this year. He's made plans. He already has a Nevada City address up here in the north country.

Two new members came through SABLA in April. Paul Mattison of Loomis who I've mentioned being with us before, has now joined our ranks. Paul is coupled with some other LAPD retirees namely Carl Kuehn, and Hal Justice. Paul retired from Venice Division in 1989. He and the others are starting the security force for the new Packard-Bell plant here in Sacramento. Also in April another new member was J.A. "Abe" Miles now living in Yuba City. He retired from W. Valley Division in 1975! Been gone 20, and he says "they" haven't missed a check yet! Welcome back Joe Sandoval and welcome aboard Paul and Abe. And Paul, get your new boss Hal Justice to come back and join too. Carl Kuehn has been here forever. He is always with us! His wife Ellie will make sure Carl pays up!

On Tuesday evening, May 2, 1995, the Los Angeles Police Protective League held their Delegates meeting and many of us scribes were invited to attend. As I was assigned to work in the Torrance area that week giving lottery agent Al Romero, also retired LAPD, a hand, I was able to attend. At this buffet dinner, three "old" buddies of mine, retirees Mike Dwyer, Charlie Reese were there. The third from the Inland Blue Line was a former Hollywood Detective partner, Loyd Yandle. All of these names have nothing to do with SABLA, but they all write articles for the retirement section of the Blue Line. So we were all awarded certificates of appreciation for these articles, and the thought was much appreciated by all the recipients. Thank you.

I'm sure most of our members are looking forward to the new fiscal year July 1st and the election of a new board for SABLA. Of course, our chairman-elect is none other than Justin Dyer. I'm sure this is going to be another fun year! With Justin at the helm we'll be going in all different directions! At least that is what some of our members are privately saying, Justin. Do they know something about you that I don't? Just kidding, guys! Just kidding. Justin will do well.

As we jump into the warm summer days, don't forget to come and visit with us. We'll keep you posted on where we're going to be. For June 8th, we'll be at the Palomino Restaurant, Watt and El Camino in Sacramento. Phone number for me is (916) 323-4270.

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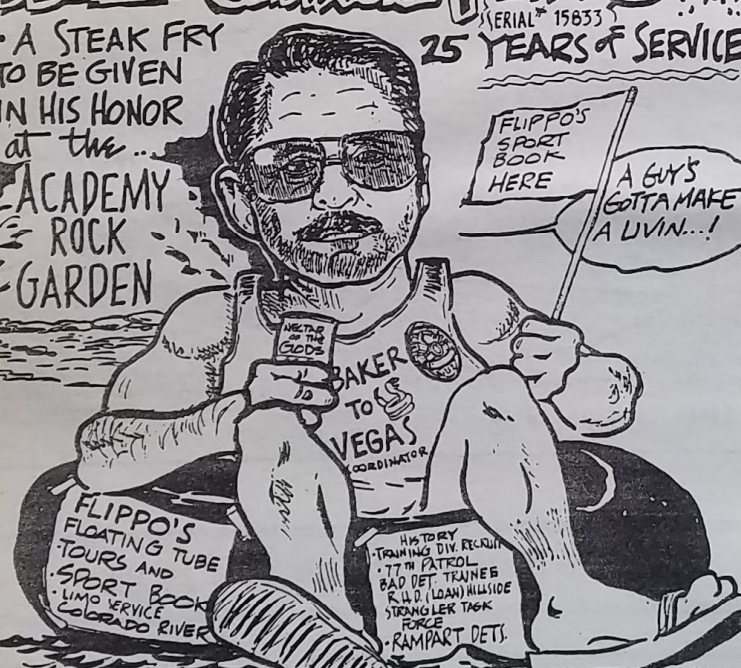
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Photo by Dennis P. Zine

Family and friends join P-3 Dennis Washington at his retirement party. Dennis retired from Southwest Patrol after a lengthy career on Motors. Dennis is 2nd from right.



Classmates join Detective Ray Phillips at his retirement party. Left to right: Lt. Skip Tucker, Lt. Roy Kautz, Det. Ray Phillips, Director Dennis P. Zine, Capt. Tom Moselle.

Dear Editor:

I would like to thank you for including my father in your "End of Watch" column, and fill in the statistics that were lacking.

Name: Clifford Wayne Beckner #2736

Rank: Sergeant (appt. Nov. 16, 1948)

Born: May 21, 1912

Appt: May 9, 1942

Since I was barely 10 years old when he retired, all I can find of his career is in his scrapbook. I know he worked on several high profile cases, but these are missing. He also was Technical Advisor on Jack Webb's "Dragnet" production No. 901, "The Big Jump", by James E. Moser. If anyone has any information on this episode, or of my father, I would greatly appreciate hearing from them, if only to say they knew him.

I do not receive The Thin Blue Line, so please write me in care of the Thin Blue Line.

Thank you for your attention.

Robert W. Beckner

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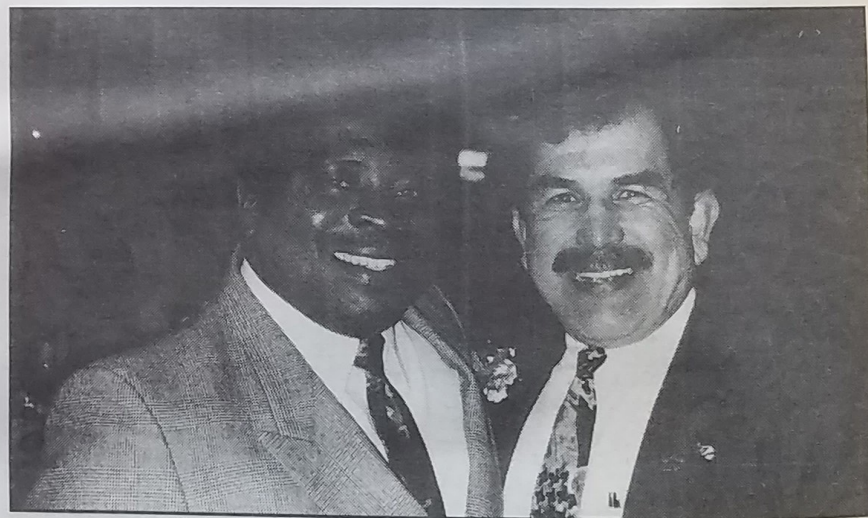


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Hollywood Division P3+1 Danny Woods is congratulated by League Director Lenny Munoz at his retirement party.

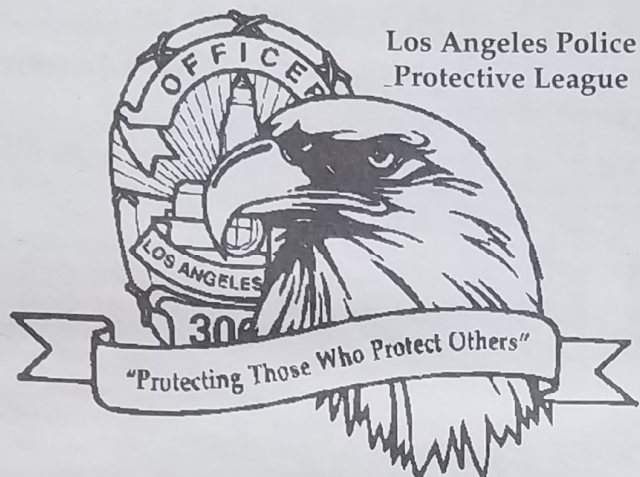


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Mr. and Mrs. Jack Reidy at his retirement party.

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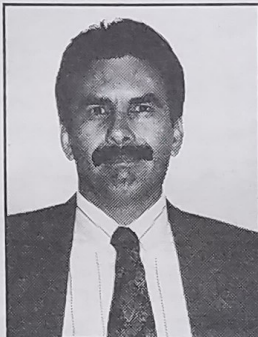
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COMMENDABLE COPPER CAPERS

Det. I Mateo (Pete) Diaz, 17738

**Detective Of The Quarter
Newton Street Detective
Division**

Pete Diaz has been a member of the Los Angeles Police Department for 22 years. He was assigned to Newton Street Patrol as a Sergeant in February 1989. In February, 1990, Sergeant Diaz transferred to Newton Detective Division as a Detective I.



During the last five years, Detective Diaz has been assigned to the CAPS, robbery, and burglary tables. He is currently assigned to juvenile investigations and handles all juvenile robbery and burglary cases. Detective Diaz has also been the lead investigator in two high profile juvenile kidnap cases. His investigative skills, diligence and genuine concern for the victims of these crimes resulted in the capture and conviction of two kidnappers. Detective Diaz has been commended many times for his high standards and dedication to duty. Due to his expertise and willingness to help, he is sought out by his peers and officers of all ranks.

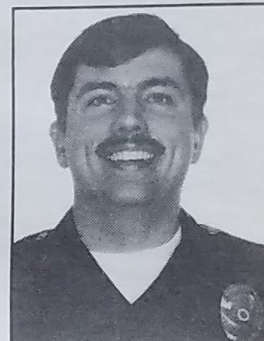
Diaz has helped create a responsible and effective juvenile table which provides quality service to the citizens of Newton Street Area. This, coupled with Diaz' bilingual abilities and work ethic, makes him a natural for Newton Area Detective of the Quarter for the First Quarter of 1995.

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P.O. III Allan Seeget, 24491

**Officer Of The Month
Newton Division**

Newton Area is proud to select Police Officer III Allan Seeget as the Newton Street Area Officer of the Month for March, 1995.



Officer Seeget has been a member of the Los Angeles Police Department for 11 years and has been assigned to Newton Street Area for 8 of those years. Officer Seeget has proven to be an outstanding field training officer. He consistently demonstrates a high degree of job enthusiasm and loyalty to the Department. Officer Seeget is articulate and directionally bound by his logical decision making process. He is the type of officer that every supervisor would like to have assigned to his team. Consequently, the probationary officers trained by Officer Seeget possess a well-rounded degree of job knowledge and with confidence in their ability to perform their duties.

During March 1995, Officer Seeget was approached by several citizens and business owners who complained of an on-going narcotic problem at Adams Boulevard and Maple Avenue. Officer Seeget tailored his police work accordingly, and launched an aggressive problem oriented policing plan. His plan led to the arrest of the drug dealer, and addressed the causal factors which contributed to the criminal activity. In short, he solved the problem. He accomplished this, as well as a great number of observation activities, while handling 159 radio calls. His efforts have elevated him to number one on the Day Watch for handling calls for service.

Officer Seeget consistently lives up to the Department's Core Values and Mission Statement. His professional demeanor and outstanding work performance have earned him the respect of his peers, supervisors and the community members he serves.

Officer Seeget has received many commendations from the Department and the community for his outstanding police work. Based on his professionalism, calm demeanor, and tactical expertise he has been selected as a Use of Force Review Board Peer Member. He pursues this task like all others, with a commitment toward excellence.

Officer Seeget's commitment to quality service is truly reflected in everything that he says and does and it is an honor for Newton Street Area to select Officer Seeget as Officer of the Month for March, 1995.

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Det. II Deborah Ramirez, 22191

P.O. III Uwe Klee, 16437

P.O. II Teresa Wallin, 26345

Management Aide Teresita Timm, B8038

Northeast Detectives Division

In June of 1994, Officer Candelaria, who was assigned to the burglary table, began to notice a peculiar burglary pattern in the Northeast Area where the suspect would cut the telephone line and kill the dog at the location being burglarized.

Officer Candelaria notified the Northeast Area Crime Analysis Detail of the burglaries, provided them with information from the crimes and requested they contact other law enforcement agencies.

Dean Bevan from the Temple City Sheriff's CAD Unit called Candelaria and informed her that Temple City and Garden Grove had crimes with similar M.O.'s as the burglaries in the Northeast Area. The suspect possibly responsible for these crimes was identified.

Officer Candelaria armed with this information and the assistance of Northeast Area CAD, began to track all burglaries in the Southern California area with similar M.O.'s. They continued to provide other agencies with updated information on the suspect. When Officer Candelaria became aware of the multiple agencies involved, she notified

Detective Aaron Martin from Burglary/Auto Theft Division and they both coordinated the investigation.

On April 7, 1995, Detectives from the Northeast Area Sex Unit were discussing a rape investigation and the suspect involved. Detective Valenciana, the Burglary Coordinator, overheard their conversation and informed the sex detectives that the rape suspect matched the description of the hot prowl burglary suspect operating in Northeast Division.

Detectives Lopez and Ramirez obtained a photo display from Officer Candelaria with a photograph of the suspect and presented the photo display to the rape victim. This victim made a positive identification of the suspect who had raped her.

Northeast Area Patrol Officers were made aware of the suspect being wanted for the rape. Suspect was observed by off-duty Officer William Acosta and taken into custody.

Northeast CAD members Officers Klee, Wallin and Management Aide Timm are to be commended for their attention to duty, dedication in tracking

Det. I Angel Lopez, 21669

P.O. III Madolyn Candelaria, 26632

P.O. II William Acosta, 26355

of the suspect and maintaining liaison with other agencies.

Northeast Burglary Detective Candelaria, is commended for her attention to duty, dedication and keeping liaison with multi-agencies involved in this investigation.

Northeast Sex Detectives Ramirez and Lopez are commended for their attention to duty, dedication and their off-hours investigation, which resulted in four felony counts being filed against the suspect.

Northeast Area Police Officer Acosta is commended for his attention to duty, dedication and keen observation in locating the suspect on off-duty hours. Due to Officer Acosta's efforts, the suspect was quickly apprehended by Northeast personnel.

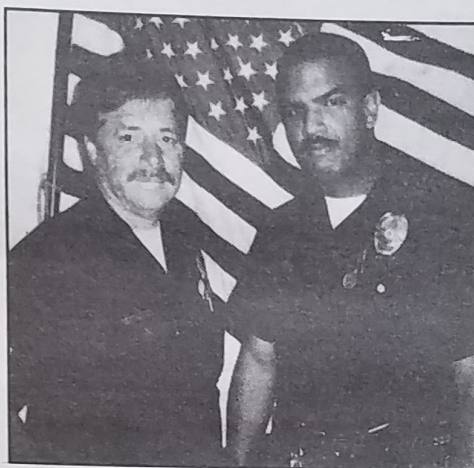
Due to the efforts of the above personnel, a dangerous and cunning criminal is facing 25 years to life in prison. All personnel are commended for a job well done.

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COMMENDABLE COPPER CAPERS

P.O. John Cordova, 23337 Rampart Division

Officers Cordova and Perez were on routine patrol in one of Rampart's worst narcotic areas, 11th Street and Lake Street. The officers observed a slow moving van cruising the area, its driver did not seem to operate the vehicle properly. At one point, the vehicle stalled and the officers noted that the driver was not wearing his seat belt. Prior to conducting a traffic stop, the officers checked the vehicle's license plate for wants and warrants via the MDT. They were advised by Communications Division that the vehicle was wanted in connection with a robbery which occurred in Wilshire Division. Although the suspect tried to evade the officers, their request for back-up and an air unit was so quick, that back-up units were at the scene before the suspect could flee. Due to their tactical response, the



suspect did not resist and was taken into custody without incident.

The officers ascertained that the suspect's name was Adonis Burley and they immediately contacted Wilshire Detec-

P.O. Rafael Perez, 26905

tives. Their investigation revealed that Burley was in fact the suspect wanted in connection with a string of robberies. An in-depth review revealed that Burley was wanted in connection with 42 robberies and 36 crime reports in Wilshire, West Los Angeles, Hollywood, Pacific and Rampart. Deputy District Attorney Thorp filed 42 counts of robbery against Burley, a "three strikes and you're out candidate."

Both Officers Cordova and Perez are commended for their outstanding observations, tactical response and investigative techniques. As the District Attorney put it, Adonis Burley is a career criminal and a predator upon society in general. Thanks to the efforts of a couple of "L.A.'s finest," John Cordova and Rafael Perez, society can rest somewhat easier.

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P.O. II Mark Hyland, 24603 P.O. II Enedino Espinoza, 26294 Newton Division

Officers Hyland and Kipp are assigned to 13Z1 on Day Watch. Their primary responsibility is to enforce narcotic-related laws on 7th Street between Alameda and San Pedro.

On March 22, 1995, at 0930 hours, Hyland and Kipp arrested a narcotic suspect for Possession of Cocaine for Sale. While at Newton Station, they located a phone number which was in the possession of their arrestee. Officer Espinoza was asked to assist in the interrogation of the suspect who spoke only Spanish. Espinoza learned that the number was for the dealer's source. Espinoza called the phone number and pretended to be a dealer in need of a fresh supply of cocaine. Espinoza ordered 100 "rocks." His legal ruse proved successful when the person advised

that he would be at the El Nayarit Restaurant at 7th Street and Central Avenue. The person advised that he would be dressed in all black and would have a ponytail. Officers Hyland and Kipp responded to the restaurant which they located at 7th Street and San Pedro. Upon entry, they observed a male Hispanic dressed in all black who had a ponytail who was seated at the bar. During a cursory search, Kipp located a baggie filled with rock cocaine in the suspect's pocket. When he attempted to handcuff the suspect, the suspect attempted to break free and run. Although Kipp never lost his grasp on the suspect's hands, the suspect was able to drag Kipp several feet before Hyland was able to tackle him from behind. All three went to the floor knocking over

several bar stools. The suspect continued in his attempts to break free but was overpowered by the officers and handcuffed.

The efforts of the involved officers resulted in the recovery of over 300 rocks and the removal of two felons from 7th Street.

Officers Hyland and Kipp are commended for attention to duty; for knowledge of narcotic activity in their assigned area and for teamwork.

Officer Espinoza is commended for his knowledge of narcotic operations and teamwork.

All three officers are further commended for their sound execution of an innovative plan which resulted in this arrest.

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P.O. III Manuel Navarrete, 20508 Harbor Patrol Division

On March 12, 1994, Officers Navarrete and Gasca responded to a burglary from motor vehicle investigation at 900 E. L Street.

Officers were met by a witness who advised that he observed a male Hispanic suspect inside a victim's vehicle. The witness stated that the suspect removed a rear seat and items from the glove compartment. Suspect was observed leaving location in a '77 Chevy van, license number 1F98630 with victim's property. Suspect was described as a male Hispanic, 5'8", 160/165 pounds approximately 16/17 years old wearing

a black jersey with the number 75 printed on the front. An additional male Hispanic was described as the driver of the above vehicle.

Officers obtained DMV information on suspect's vehicle license number and obtained a residence address of 1415 W. Emden Street.

Officers conducted a follow-up investigation to the above location and arrested the driver who was driving the vehicle at time of the occurrence.

On March 13, 1995, officers were on routine patrol in the area of Flint and Anaheim when they observed suspect

number one from the above occurrence still wearing a black jersey with the number 75 on it. Suspect was detained and transported to Harbor Station.

While at Harbor Station, defendant asked to speak to a detective, at which time defendant admitted to his involvement in the above crime.

Officers Navarrete and Gasca are commended for their dedicated effort, investigative skills and attention to duty.

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P.O. I Luis Gasca, 30765

COMMENDABLE COPPER CAPERS

P.O. Nina Brown, 26538
Det. Regina Scott, 25512
Det. Loretta Monk, 24417
Det. Vincent Delgado, 24323
Southeast Area

P.O. Thomas Ward, 23401
P.O. Lori Metz, 24703
Sgt. Mario Valdez, 23104
Sgt. Richard Groller, 17124
Van Nuys Area

On April 12, 1995, at 1250 hours, victim and her estranged common-law husband were involved in a heated argument in front of 10701 South Compton Avenue. He became violent and began striking her. He forced her into the hatchback area of his car, then took her out and shoved her into the passenger area where he continued to strike her. He then grabbed his three-year-old son and pushed him into the vehicle. As he drove off with his victims, several witnesses who had heard the victim's plea for help obtained the vehicle's license plate number.

Southeast Area Patrol Officers Nina Brown and Edward Yee responded to the crime scene, interviewed witnesses, and obtained the necessary information to begin their kidnap investigation. Recognizing a potentially tragic situation, the officers immediately contacted Southeast Area detectives. Detectives Regina Scott, Maximiliano Ross, Loretta Monk, and Benita Aguirre, Southeast Detective Division, Major Assault Crime (MAC) Unit, quickly became involved in the race to locate the suspect and victims. With the information obtained by Officers Brown and Yee, the detectives were able to track the suspect to 14600 Saticoy, Apt. #223, Van Nuys. Recognizing the urgency of the situation, the detectives contacted Van Nuys Area Sergeant Joseph Cupo and advised him of the investigation. Sergeant Cupo picked up the ball and continued the investigation in Van Nuys Area. He sent Officer Thomas Ward to the apartment complex in an attempt to locate the suspect's vehicle. Officer Ward observed the suspect's vehicle parked in the complex and immediately requested additional units for a perimeter. Van Nuys Area Police Officers John Perez and

Lori Metz and Sergeants Mario Valdez and Barry Kirschenman responded to the complex.

Southeast detectives and Van Nuys patrol officers formulated a tactical plan in which detectives attempted to make contact with the suspect via telephone. When this became fruitless, Van Nuys patrol officers forced entry into the location and took the suspect into custody as he exited the bathroom. The victim and child were located inside the bathroom, unharmed. A preliminary interview with the victim indicated that the suspect had planned to kill her and flee. This was supported by the fact that his luggage was packed and waiting at the front door. The victim also revealed that the suspect had sexually assaulted her during this ordeal.

Southeast Detectives Ross and Aguirre responded to Van Nuys Area and took charge of the crime scene investigation. They interviewed witnesses, completed reports and booked the suspect at Southeast Area. The following morning, Southeast Detective Division MAC Unit Detectives Paula Feinmark and Vincent Delgado continued the investigation. These detectives, who are assigned to the Sexual Assault Unit, contacted the victim who advised them that this was not the first time the suspect had assaulted her. She also revealed that the suspect had a knife to her side and was going to kill her just as the officers forced entry into the apartment. Delgado and Feinmark completed their investigation, completed an extensive follow-up report and on April 14, 1995, presented the case to Deputy District Attorney Mary Zusa Kawa, who filed 10 felony counts against the suspect.

P.O. Edward Yee, 30459
Det. Maximiliano Ross, 24821
Det. Paula Feinmark, 24061

P.O. John Perez, 30791
Sgt. Joseph Cupo, 12854
Sgt. Barry Kirschenman, 23496

Officers Brown and Yee are commended for their quick response to the scene of the kidnap, their preliminary investigation and their continued efforts throughout the investigation.

Detectives Scott, Ross and Monk are commended for their tenacious pursuit of the suspect and his victims, their ability to coordinate the investigative efforts of numerous police personnel and their knowledge and utilization of investigative resources.

Detectives Ross and Aguirre are commended for their attention to duty, their knowledge and utilization of investigative resources and their crime scene investigation.

Officers Ward, Perez and Metz; and Sergeants Valdez, Groller, Kirschenman and Cupo are to be commended for their attention to duty, outstanding field tactics which resulted in the arrest of a dangerous suspect without incident and their preliminary interview with the victim which revealed that she had been a victim of a sexual assault.

Detectives Feinmark and Delgado are commended for their ability to coordinate a complex investigation, their report writing, their knowledge and utilization of investigative resources and their ability to successfully conclude the investigation and present an outstanding case for the District Attorney's office.

The above personnel have distinguished themselves as outstanding members of the Los Angeles Police Department. Their efforts most certainly saved the victim's life. If this investigation had been handled in any other way, the outcome could have been tragic. Their efforts are truly an example of our motto, "To protect and to serve."

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AMERICAN LEGION NEWS

Los Angeles
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(213) 485-3194

by Woody Baca and Charlie Meter

During this past month, members of Police Post #381 were involved in a number of community activities.

The Legion sponsored Department motor drill team participated in the California Motor Officers Annual Drill at Pacific Grove, California. Drill Master J. J. Leonard, Valley Traffic and Bob Williams, South Traffic, were entered in the two-man motor/uniform inspection. Our congratulations to both of these fine officers as they took first place and walked off with the gold medals.

USC R.O.T.C. Award Ceremonies

On Saturday, April 22, 1995, your Post Commander Frank Flores, Charlie Meter, and Fred Love attended award ceremonies at the University of Southern California for their respective R.O.T.C. cadres. The cadres consisted of Navy, Army, and Air Force personnel. A pass in review was conducted on Cromwell Field. Your officers of tomorrow displayed their marching ability which would have rivaled any active duty military unit. Your police post representatives then attended the 60th Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps Award Luncheon and presented vari-

ous awards to the outstanding men and women of the cadre. They were selected for their awards by their commanding officer and peers. We were impressed by their professional demeanor and impeccable appearance. We left the luncheon with the unequivocal impression that they know the meaning of duty, honor, country.

New Members

Commander Flores and Vice Commander J. Leiphardt made a presentation to the April recruit class at the police academy. They were able to encourage thirteen veterans into joining our fine organization.

You old, old, old timers might recall a time when the word "police" was embroidered on your legion cap. Well, we are looking at restoring that tradition. We are seeking approval from national headquarters to have the words "Los Angeles Police" embroidered on the emblem side of our caps. We are hoping to obtain permission prior to the Department convention in Pasadena. Again, in case you forget, the Department convention will be held June 21, 1995 through June 25, 1995. Take note, due to the convention, there will be no post meeting during the month of July.

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Defense Representative Corner

by Sergeant Paul M. Weber

As always this year brings both good and bad news to the officers of this Department. In keeping with Department policy and philosophy I will start out with the good news.

The California Public Safety Officers' Procedural Bill of Rights (Government Code 3300) has been updated and improved by our state government. The new addition provides some protection of your compelled statements in civil suits. This protection had been limited to criminal matters prior to 1995.

As you know, we as police officers can be compelled (ordered) to make statements which ordinary citizens would not have to give because they have the Fifth Amendment right to remain silent. The court cases (Lybarger v. City of Los Angeles) arising from this unfair situation have opined your compelled statements cannot be used against you in criminal courts except to impeach your testimony. This is supposed to keep Internal Affairs from ordering you to talk and then using the compelled statement to file a criminal case. This was good up to the point the bad guy's attorney filed suit and subpoenaed the personnel investigation which includes your statement. The Department added a twist when it decided to complete personnel investigations when a suit was filed against the city. This even if there were no complaints made prior to the suit being filed. This way the bad guy's attorney still gets a copy of the investigation and your statement.

Senate Bill 1860 was designed to update Government Code 3303 and provide you protection in the civil arena. A compelled statement cannot be used against you in a civil trial except under the following conditions. If you are deceased prior to the trial your statement may be used in the trial (but at that point who cares). Your statement can be used to impeach your testimony after an in-camera hearing determines that is appropriate. This section, however, does not protect you from the Department disciplinary system including a Board of Rights.

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When you are contacted by any Department supervisor who wishes to interview you regarding a 1.81, please keep this information in mind. We highly recommend you at least consult with a representative prior to submitting to an interview. An experienced representative can advise you if he/she should be present or give you advice on how to survive an internal investigation. This advice is free and we may save you lots of heartache.

The bad news is the Chief has decided to change the current Officer Involved Shooting investigation policy. The old OIS team has been disbanded and reassigned to Homicide Special Sections (HSS). The Department's new OIS manual states on page 16, "The paramount responsibility for the senior investigative officer shall be to determine if there is criminal liability on the part of any involved or percipient officer(s)." A little further down the page it states, "Additionally, the senior investigator shall be vigilant to developing evidence as the investigation proceeds and constantly analyze the possibility of criminal liability on the part of any involved or percipient officer." The District Attorney's rollout team will respond and will be allowed to observe the ongoing investigation.

The Protective League in response to these and other changes has contracted to provide attorneys at OIS and in-custody deaths. The involved officers are entitled to employee representatives from our office. I would strongly encourage you to invoke your rights and utilize the services of these people. The fact you invoke your rights does not mean you are guilty of anything or are attempting to obstruct the Department's right to complete a fair investigation. You are simply protecting your interests and gaining the advice of uninvolved/experienced persons.

The Officer Representation Section personnel are available to help you during business hours at (213) 485-9516 or through DHD during off hours. If you want to stop by we are in the penthouse of Parker Center in room 813.



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LAPD recruitment officers recruiting at the 1995 El Toro Air Show. Lt to rt, Arif Halaby, Cynthia Chow, Thomas Butler.

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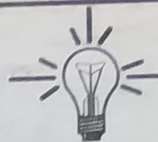
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FOR YOUR INFORMATION



The Oklahoma Tragedy

The LAPD Connection

by Kieth Moreland,
Rampart Patrol

I want to sneak into the Thin Blue Line one more time this month in order to tell you about the LAPD connection to the bombing of the Oklahoma City federal building. Three retired L.A. cops work at facilities next door to the site of the tragedy.

On April 19, 1995, at 9:02 A.M. Central time, retired Officer David Balleweg was standing on his farm in Wellston, Oklahoma some thirty-five miles from downtown Oklahoma City. As Dave tried to get comfortable on his legs after (another!) recent knee surgery, the earth made a strange tremor. Within minutes, Dave's wife Marcia came to the porch and yelled for him to get in the house. They found themselves staring at the T.V. set, seeing footage of the bomb blast that destroyed the building next door to the Federal courthouse that Dave normally works at.

Like many Oklahomans Dave and Marcia felt a need to help. They drove into the city to do what they could. After working in the same federal courthouse as a Registered Nurse Marcia Balleweg offered her twenty years of nursing skills to the Red Cross. All they would have her do was manual labor. It was work that needed to be done, and she did it without complaint like many who volunteered.

Dave found himself unable to enter his regular workplace to obtain the I.D. he would need to identify himself as someone who works there. Dave did the next best thing, he pulled out his old LAPD raid jacket out of the truck and took up a post directing traffic. Several responders would pass Dave by and say, "Wow, you got here fast (from L.A.)!" Dave just smiled and told them that it looked like they could use the help. "Mutual aid, pal!"

After many hours helping out, Marcia and Dave returned home. The next day had Dave driving his old Wilshire partner Sam Bass, to his own twenty-hour shift at the Federal Depository. Sam's boss, Jesse Spurlock, also retired LAPD was home and off-duty at the time of the blast. Dave and Marcia, Sam, Jesse and their families are alright.

In the hours and days that followed, they saw names of neighbors among the dead and missing. The papers have published photographs of people they recognized from just having passed them in the halls, or grabbing a cup of coffee at the snack bar. Sadly, the Ballewegs have attended one funeral of someone they knew, a local reserve sheriff's deputy.

I thank God that I can tell you they are safe, and that I'm not writing any kind of memorial piece. There's something I suggest you do. If you know any one of our retirees there in Oklahoma, you might drop them a line to reconnect them to the "safe" streets of L.A. and the friends they left behind here. *

Helping Children Cope With the Oklahoma City Bombing

If you have young children at home, you have probably already faced some anxious questions from them about the tragedy in Oklahoma City.

It's hard to know what to say to your children in the face of such an event. We offer some guidelines here about how best to deal with their questions and fears during this difficult time.

1. Assure your children, first of all, they're safe. The people in charge of your school or day care center have carefully checked the building. There are no bombs there and it is safe to go there.
2. Agree with your spouse on how the reality of these events will be discussed with your children. Give them enough information and interpret this tragic event at a level they can understand. Those who harmed so many people have done a horrible thing. We don't know exactly why they have done this, but they will be caught and severely punished. They will not be allowed to hurt any children again.
3. Share your feelings honestly with your children. As parents, if you are upset or anxious but pretend everything is all right, your children will sense this and feel confused and anxious. It's normal for parents and children both to be afraid, angry, and overwhelmed with grief during a tragedy such as this. Children learn to cope with their feelings by ob-

serving how their parents cope. Let your children talk about the bombing, their thoughts and feelings, and allow them to ask questions. Events and feelings are less frightening when talked about with others.

4. When parents are away from home, their children may worry about them. If your children are worried about your safety when you are not at home, devise a system for checking in with them to assure them of both your and their safety. Allowing a child to "take control" and call you can provide assurance and decrease anxiety and worry.

5. Don't allow T.V. news coverage to be on constantly. Parents and children both can become overwhelmed with feelings of fear and helplessness. Small doses of media coverage followed by an opportunity for children to ask their parents questions works best.

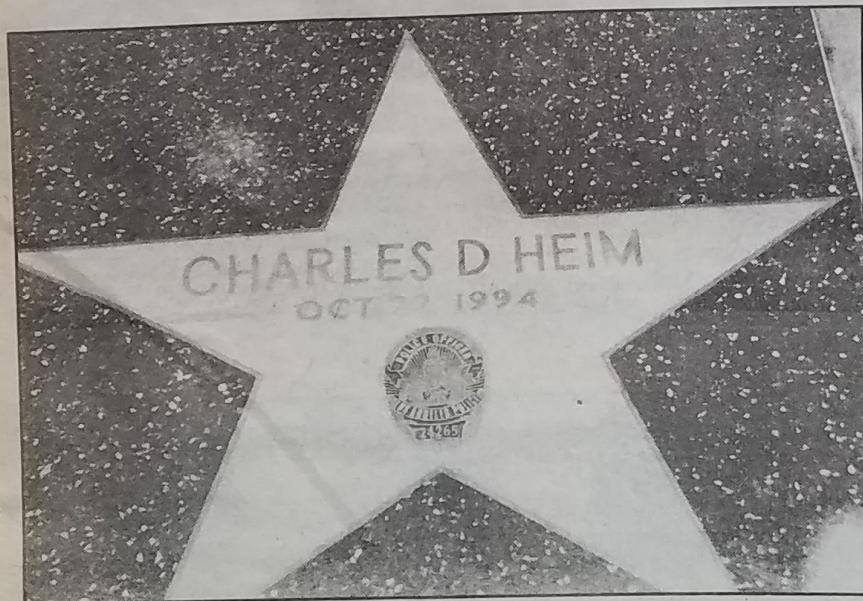
6. Keep your family activities as normal as possible. Family routine maintains a sense of normalcy which is reassuring and comforting to children.

Want more help? Talking to an OHS family counselor can be very useful. We're just a phone call away.

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Hollywood Police Memorial Walk Enshrinement

April 24, 1995



Officer Charles D. Heim Enshrinement Ceremony.



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Beth and son Travis at the Enshrinement Ceremony for slain LAPD Officer Chuck Heim.



Mayor Richard Riordan and Councilwoman Jackie Goldberg attended the Officer Chuck Heim Enshrinement Ceremony at Hollywood Station.

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I Quit The Force Today

by Paul Woodward
Escondido P.D.

I quit the force today,
another cop got blown away.
The ultimate sacrifice, his life,
he left behind two kids, a wife.

I quit the force today,
I heard another policeman say.
The revolving door of justice set free,
another predator to stalk you and me.

I quit the force today,
I'm tired of the ruckus and the fray.
I'm tired of children hiding in silence,
watching their parents and more domestic violence.

I quit the force today,
who needs cops anyway.
I risk my life to arrest a few,
only to have them released by the A.C.L.U.

I quit the force today,
what good am I doing, why should I stay?
When criminals like King are rewarded and hailed, and cops like
me are arrested and jailed.

I quit the force today,
I guess truth doesn't matter, just look at OJ
when lawyers can twist and bend the law,
and citizens won't bother to tell what they saw.

I quit the force today,
all of you listen to what I'm about to say.
Every time a criminal is allowed to go free,
there's less and less freedom why can't you see?

The criminals kill, they don't play by the rules.
We're shackled by laws and treated like fools.
When right is called wrong and wrong is called right, how do we win,
how will we fight?

"They're not responsible, they've been abused as a child."
Who wasn't my friend? My own childhood was wild.
"Stop the drugs, stop the crime!" The politicians all say.
But their answer to it all is "Give more money away."

We're losing by hundreds our daughters and sons,
now the government plans to seize all our guns.
Stop fighting against us, we're on the same side,
how much more of this are we going to abide.
Wake up America, it's time to remember, let's send
them all packing this coming November.

I could go on and on but the message is clear,
but where my friends do we go from here?
If we don't stop and restore the truth,
there'll be no one left to examine the proof.

Should I quit the force today?
And let all the bad guys get away.
What would I say to my wife, my kids both,
I raised my right hand, I recited the oath.
Should I quit the force with all its pain and sorrow?
Another call to answer? . . . what the hell, I'll wait
til tomorrow.

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The Trial

by Bill Urrutia, 24900
Central Traffic Division

So many songs, so many faces
too few the clues and so on the traces.
The masked man did it or so we're told,
but by the time he sure was bold.

He killed two people and fled the scene,
to his home returned for a limousine;
a ride to the airport for a trip and an alibi
discarding some items as he went by.

So now the judge and the media circus,
have made the trial so long it merely irks us.
Enough we say, let's get on with it
let justice prevail.

But by the looks of the jury, it will be to no avail.

Racism has become the defense's motto, slandering also
they don't care they've hit the lotto.

In support the Hypocrite said "I wear this blue ribbon
for those in blue and for their freedom.

They do their job and do it well
but when I get them in court I put them thru hell!

In the end and of the outcome, only time can tell this tale.

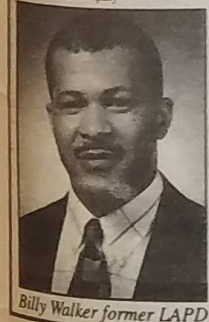
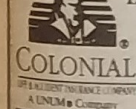
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League Directors Dennis P. Zine and Lenny Munoz presenting U.S. Flag to the LAPD Harbor City Community Service Center. Councilman Rudy Svorinich, Jr. made the request for the flag and participated in the presentation.

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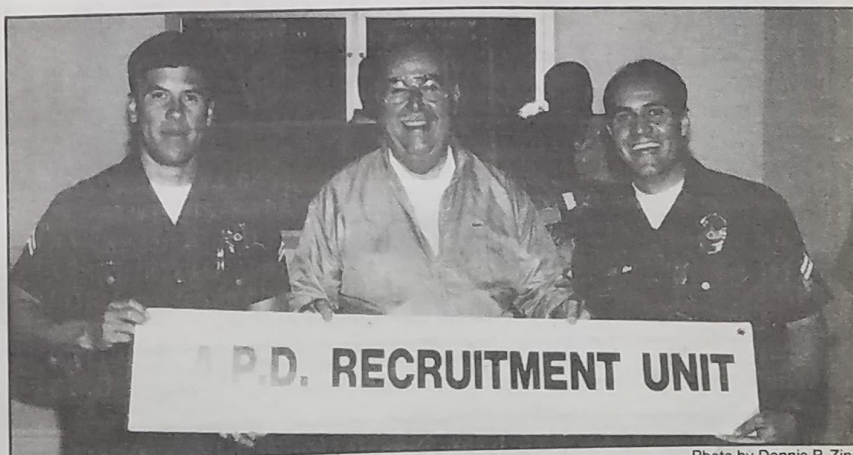


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Sheriff Sherman Block assisting LAPD recruitment officers at the Baker to Vegas relay.
Left to right: Ernst Cabriales, Sheriff Block, Arif Halaby.

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Mike Stone, attorney, Pat Thistle, attorney.

On behalf of the LAPD Family Support Group I would like to graciously acknowledge the Family and friends of Helen White Findlater for their generous contributions and support. Helen White Findlater passed on March 7, 1995 in Brentwood. She was active in her community for many years dedicating herself to survival of a crime-free neighborhood through her lifelong work with Westec and the Los Angeles Police Department. The Family requested that in lieu of flowers, contributions be made to the LAPD Family Support Group in honor of Helen and to support the LAPD Men and Women in Blue.

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Nate Holden
10th Council
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Mike Feuer
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The Los Angeles Police Protective League urges a yes vote on Prop 1 & Prop 2, June 6.



PROP 1



PROP 2

Vote Yes on One! Tuesday, June 6th

Proposition #1 is the \$171 million Police Facilities Bond Measure on the June 6, 1995 ballot that will finance the construction of two new police stations, one in the mid-Wilshire and one in the central San Fernando Valley area, expanding the number of Los Angeles Police Department Divisions from 18 to 20 city-wide. Experts predict that shrinking geographic areas of police deployment inevitably results in improved 911 emergency response time and a greater patrol presence throughout the City's neighborhoods.

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 10. Child care facility for south, central, west and valley bureaus 4.0 million
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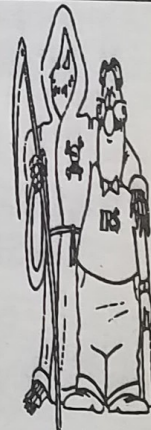
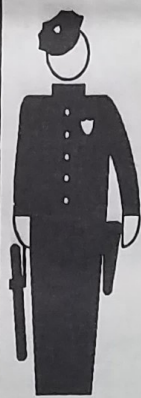
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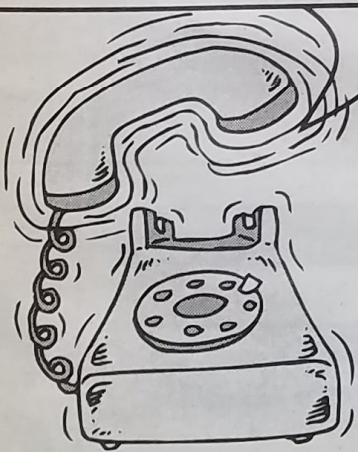
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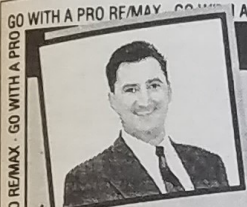
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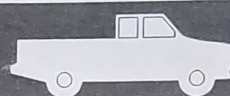
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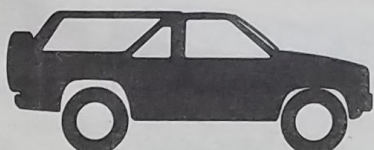
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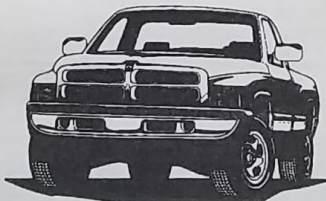
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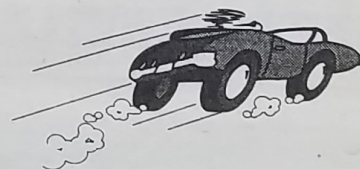


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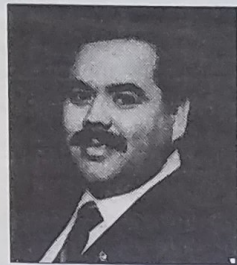
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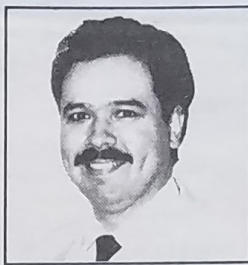
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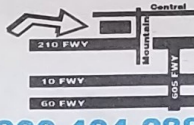
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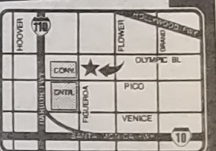


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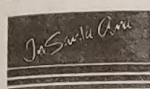
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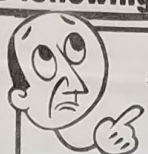
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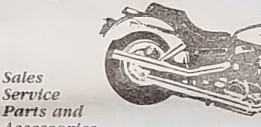
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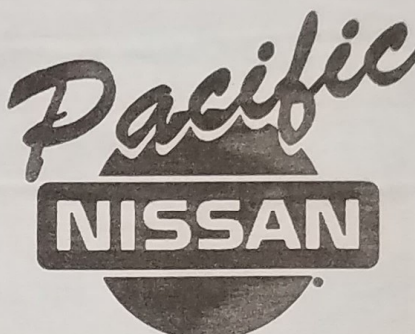
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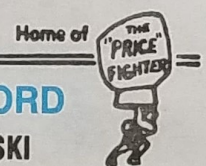
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